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Heritage Museum closes for restructuring

Board member says pandemic is to blame, but that center will reopen at some point

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — The sign on the door says, "The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center is closed until further notice."

The notice at the top of the organization's website offers little else in the way of information. It reads:

"The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center is an important and supportive organization in our community. During these uncertain times, the HMCC Board of Directors takes this time to reorganize and restructure to better serve our organization and community."

Past President and board member Dennis Szymanski, reached by telephone Wednesday, said the board voted unanimously Monday to close the Heritage, but it will be temporary.

He said it's about finances.

"As every nonprofit has had a hard time because of COVID, we have as well. This is a temporary closure and restructuring of the organization and we look forward to reopening and having a bigger and better organization," Szymanski said.

He could not say when the center might re-open. He said the board is still pondering whether to still offer some online events that had been scheduled for this fall, such as a speaker series.

He said no weddings are scheduled for the rest of this year, and anyone who has booked a wedding for sometime in 2021 should not panic.

"We're hoping to have a good 2021," he said.

Szymanski said the three full-time employees who still were working at the Heritage have been furloughed, as of Wednesday, and he could not say whether they will be brought back.

In an email sent Wednesday to some area historians and obtained by The Herald-Palladium, Brian Carroll, who was the executive director of the Heritage, in part had this to say: "Much to my surprise the Board of Directors voted to shut down our museum completely today. I am not sure of the status of the lecture series … after today I am no longer the executive director here at the HMCC."

Regarding the sudden closure, Szymanski said, "Things happen quickly around here."

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The Heritage Musem and Cutural Center in St. Joseph has closed for a restructuring, the center's board of directors has confirmed, after the center suddenly closed Wednesday with little explanation. The plan is to reopen the facility, though no date for that has been set.

THE ROCKY COASTLINE

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Crews work to add sand and rock along a section of shoreline south of Silver Beach in St. Joseph on Tuesday afternoon. Erosion has become a serious problem for many homeowners along Lake Michigan as lake levels remain at near records levels.

Whirlpool boasts positive 3rd quarter earnings

Home improvements, increase in demand leads to big quarter

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Whirlpool Corp. enjoyed a turnaround in third-quarter earnings, following a significant dip in its previous quarter that was hit hard by the global pandemic.

The Benton Harbor appliance maker revealed its third-quarter GAAP net earnings Wednesday to be $397 million, or $6.27 per diluted share, compared to the $358 million, or $5.57 per diluted share, reported in the same quarter of last year.

Whirlpool posted ongoing earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) of $635 million, compared to $364 million

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Michigan's first 'purple heroin' death reported in Van Buren

By HP STAFF

Van Buren County health officials are warning people about a death resulting from a drug referred to as "purple heroin."

Van Buren Community Mental Health and Van Buren Cass District Health Department issued a news release Wednesday afternoon stating they have received word of a fatal overdose recently in Van Buren County involving the drug Brorphine, also known as purple heroin.

The news release further stated, "this is the first known fatal overdose involving Brorphine occurring in Michigan."

Health department officials received news of the death from the Western Michigan University Medical Examiner Office that stated toxicology results from the victim also tested positive for Fentanyl.

Deaths resulting from Brorphine are relatively new in the United States. The drug is a potent synthetic opioid that is structurally similar to Fentanyl. It was first reported in 2018 and is thought to have a similar potency to that of Fentanyl.

County health officials and law enforcement were not available Wednesday to provide any more information about who the person was, or the circumstances surrounding their death.

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Celebration Cinema to reopen Friday

Theater chain to limit hours to weekend showtimes

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — The popcorn is being prepped in Benton Township.

On Wednesday, Celebration Cinema's parent company, Studio C, announced it will reopen its Benton Township location on Friday – ending a nearly seven-month closure of the theater chain in Southwest Michigan.

"We've been working toward this day in collaboration with our entire industry," JD Loeks, president of Studio C, said in a news release. "We fully believe in the value of gathering around stories, art and music. We appreciate the importance of getting the details right to provide safety and comfort for our team and guests."

The Celebration Cinema in Benton Township is among the last theaters to open for Studio C.

The chain reopened its Mount Pleasant theater last Friday.

According to Celebration Cinema spokeswoman Emily Loeks, patrons can expect reduced hours and days of operation for the first couple of weeks until more movie content becomes available. The film industry is also in the early stages of churning out new films in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Don Campbell / HP staff

Benton Township's Celebration Cinema is set to reopen Friday for the first time since March, when it closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To start, the Benton Township theater will be open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday with showtimes available online.

Many theater companies, including Celebration Cinema, have committed to follow CinemaSafe, a voluntary set of health and safety guidelines that are in line with what is enforced by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

The CinemaSafe plan was reviewed by Dr. Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

"We are excited to be welcoming guests back through our doors, and feeling increasingly confident that the 'CinemaSafe' measures being taken at all of our theaters provide a safe and fun experience for our guests and our team," Emily Loeks said in an email to The

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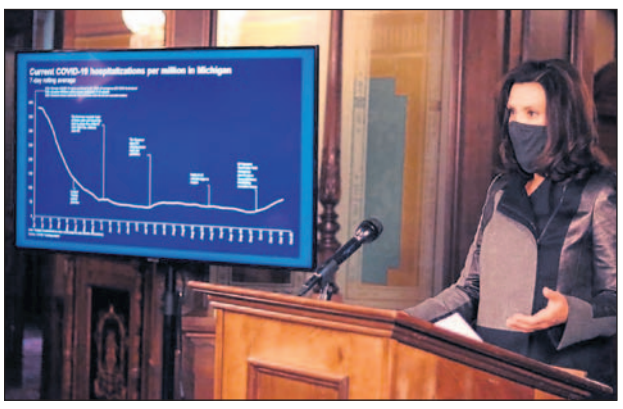

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Gov. Gretchen Whitmer addresses the state during a speech in Lansing on Wednesday.

Whitmer: Michigan at 'dangerous moment' as virus cases spike

By DAVID EGGERT and ED WHITE
Associated Press

LANSING — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer warned Wednesday that Michigan on average has more confirmed daily cases of the coronavirus than ever, noting a sharp increase since the state Supreme Court invalidated her sweeping orders earlier this month.

The number of COVID-19 cases had been gradually rising for months prior to the Oct. 2 ruling, from a seven-day average of 119 in June to 984 – as the Democratic governor loosened economic restrictions and allowed schools to reopen. Since the court decision, the seven-day average is up to 1,818 – nearly double – though surrounding states without legal rulings have also seen similarly big spikes over the same time period.

Virus-related hospitalizations, roughly 1,000, are double what they were a month ago but about a quarter of the April peak. The daily death rate has nearly doubled to 20, while remaining well below the high point. The seven-day average of tests coming back positive, 4.64 percent, was last that high five months ago.

Whitmer, whose administration quickly reinstituted virus measures under a different law amid confusion over the ruling, pleaded with people to wear a mask and maintain distance from others.

"These numbers are moving in the wrong direction," she said, not indicating whether another lockdown may be necessary. "We are in a dangerous moment where there's the possibility of it just becoming community spread that becomes out of control. We're seeing that in a lot of our neighboring states. That's what we're trying to avoid."

For the first time at one of her COVID-19 news conferences, Whitmer kept her mask on while speaking.

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Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Classic Lotto 47
03-11-21-33-43-44
Poker Lotto
6H-7H-9H-6S-8S
Midday Daily 3
3-2-9
Midday Daily 4
3-6-2-8
Daily 3
3-2-5
Daily 4
7-8-5-2
Fantasy 5
07-15-19-23-24
Keno
01-02-03-09-10-14-15-16-17-21-22-26-39-45-51-54-56-57-66-75-76-80
Mega Millions jackpot
$97 million
Powerball jackpot
$91 million

Tuesday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
04-08-09-17-27
Cash4Life
11-25-34-42-53, Cash Ball: 2
Quick Draw Midday
01-05-11-12-16-18-19-22-26-29-31-36-39-44-51-58-64-72-73-74, BE: 74
Daily Three-Midday
3-1-5, SB: 1
Daily Three-Evening
1-7-5, SB: 1
Daily Four-Midday
0-8-3-8, SB: 1
Daily Four-Evening
2-4-2-1, SB: 1
Quick Draw Evening
02-03-06-15-17-32-37-39-41-44-49-54-57-65-67-68-73-74-76-77, BE: 77
Mega Millions
46-54-57-58-66, Mega Ball: 10, Megaplier: 3

Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
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Pick Three-Midday
6-4-2, Fireball: 4
Pick Three-Evening
3-7-5, Fireball: 7
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Pick Four-Evening
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Biden's lessons learned: Spending time, money in Midwest

By THOMAS BEAUMONT
Associated Press

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Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden speaks at Michigan State Fairgrounds in Novi on Oct. 16.

Joe Biden has visited Wisconsin just twice as the 2020 Democratic presidential nominee. That's still two more times than Hillary Clinton did in 2016.

Even in a national political environment fundamentally altered by the coronavirus pandemic, the former vice president has paid far more attention to swing-voting Wisconsin and its pivotal neighbor Michigan than Clinton did during a campaign with no public health crisis or concerns about mass gatherings.

More than budgeting some of his carefully planned time, and certainly spending prodigiously more money on advertising, Biden's team also has attempted to correct Clinton's more glaring failure in the two states by reaching out directly to voters.

"When you don't come and ask people for their vote, they feel like it doesn't matter," said Karen Finney, a senior Clinton adviser who in retrospect says Clinton's campaign was more concerned with modeling voter behavior than reaching voters. Biden's "campaign is doing a better job, even during COVID, of reaching out with the candidates and a voter-to-voter effort. That makes a difference, and is an improvement."

Clinton's narrow losses in Wisconsin and Michigan – two states considered Democratic strongholds – were seen as punishment for neglect by her campaign. Besides spending no time in Wisconsin and only five days in Michigan, Clinton didn't begin advertising in either until two weeks before the election.

But, to be sure, Clinton also lost Pennsylvania just as narrowly although she campaigned there 11 times and spent $30 million in ads.

Biden's team studied the roots of Clinton's defeat.

"If we learned anything from 2016, it's that we cannot underestimate Donald Trump or his ability to claw his way back into contention in the final days of a campaign," campaign manager Jennifer O'Malley Dillon wrote in a memo to donors last week.

As of this week, the Biden campaign had spent roughly $30 million on advertising in Michigan and $25 million in Wisconsin, according to a review of Kantar/CMAG data for The Associated Press.

And although Biden has campaigned in Wisconsin only twice, both trips were targeted to the two main themes of his candidacy, addressing the national reckoning with institutional racism and bolstering a shaky middle class.

In August, amid anxiety among some Wisconsin Democrats that Biden hadn't been in Milwaukee for the party's altered national convention, he visited Kenosha in the wake of the police shooting of a Black man, Jacob Blake, and the civil unrest that followed.

Two weeks later, Biden was in Manitowoc, a struggling manufacturing city along Lake Michigan and part of the swing-voting Green Bay media market, to beckon middle-class workers and criticize Trump's trade fight with China.

Likewise, Biden has visited Michigan three times, all since September, including Friday when he spoke on racial equality in Detroit and health care in Southfield, a racially and ethnically diverse middle-class suburb of Detroit in politically crucial Oakland County.

The two states alone didn't cost Clinton the majority of the 270 Electoral College votes required to become president. However, her absence from Wisconsin was on people's minds as the campaign wound down, Finney said.

Trump's sweep in Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania, as well as his comfortable win in Ohio, where Clinton visited 15 times and spent $31 million on advertising, underscored his appeal to once reliably Democratic working-class white voters.

Still, traveling with 2016 Democratic vice presidential nominee Tim Kaine the weekend before the election, Finney said that in television interviews in Wisconsin's three largest media markets, "The first question every time was, 'Is Hillary Clinton going to come to Wisconsin?'"

"What I could feel on the ground in 2016 made me nervous in Wisconsin," Finney said. "And if the public conversation the weekend before the election is, 'Where is the candidate?' that's not good."

Biden would almost certainly need to win Wisconsin and Michigan to top the 270 Electoral Vote threshold, given their narrow margins for Trump – fewer than 34,000 votes combined – and the former vice president's steady polling lead in both since the summer.

Trump, Biden to meet for final debate

By JONATHAN LEMIRE, BILL BARROW and STEVE PEOPLES
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — President Donald Trump and Democratic challenger Joe Biden are set to square off in their final debate Thursday, one of the last high-profile opportunities for the trailing incumbent to change the trajectory of an increasingly contentious campaign.

Worried about losing the White House, some advisers are urging Trump to trade his aggressive demeanor from the first debate for a lower-key style that puts Biden more squarely in the spotlight. But it's unclear whether the president will listen.

Biden, who has stepped off the campaign trail in favor of debate prep, expects Trump to get intensely personal. The former vice president and his inner circle see the president's approach chiefly as an effort to distract from the coronavirus, its economic fallout and other crises.

With less than two weeks until Election Day, Biden is leading most national polls and has a narrower advantage in the battleground states that could decide the race. More than 42 million people have already cast their ballots. The debate, moderated by NBC's Kristen Welker, is a final chance for both men to make their case to a television audience of tens of millions of voters.

"The rule is that last debates before the election have a big impact," said presidential historian Michael Beschloss, who made clear the legacy of the candidates' first face-off: "That was the most out of control presidential debate we have seen."

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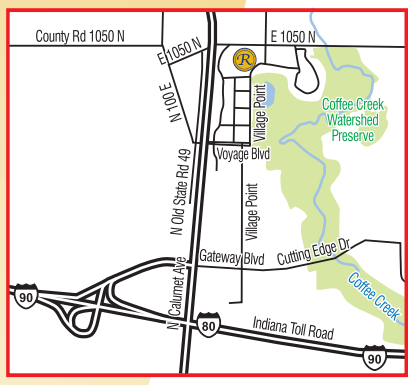

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ELECTION 2020

Two veteran Covert Twp. officials vie for supevisor

Write-in candidate tries to keep her seat as treasurer

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

COVERT — Two candidates who have been involved with Covert Township governance for more than a dozen years, will be competing for the supervisor's seat.

Former township trustee and Republican Tom DeRosa hopes to defeat incumbent supervisor and Democrat Dennis Palgen in the Nov. 3 general election.

Both men have a considerable amount of experience in township government.

Palgen has served as township supervisor for the past four years. Prior to that he held the clerk's position for 16 years.

DeRosa spent four years as a township board trustee and has served on the planning commission for 12 years and the zoning board of appeals for 8 years.

This year's township election could prove to be a pivotal one for Covert, which is inching closer and closer to the closure of the Palisades Nuclear Plant – the municipality's largest taxpayer – in May 2022.

Both candidates pointed out that the plant's closure is by far the biggest issue facing the township over the next several years.

"We are and will continue to experience a loss of revenue due to the closure of Entergy/Palisades in the spring of 2022," Palgen said. "With that said, several meetings have taken place, starting in 2019, with our treasurer Wednesday Pritchard and others. I am proud to report that even with these losses, the township board approved a balanced 2020-21 budget. In addition, we signed an agreement with Plante/Moran (accounting and business advisory firm) to assist the township in a five-year financial forecast, taking into consideration revenue shortfalls."

DeRosa also is looking toward Covert's financial future and thinks the encouragement of private enterprise is crucial.

"My chief desire in running for township supervisor is to assist the township in encouraging new business growth," he said. "With the budgetary constraints presented by the loss of revenue from the future decommissioning of the Palisades plant, and the ongoing legal issues with New Covert Generating, it is more important than ever to begin the process of bringing new businesses to the township to not only grow, but thrive."

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Other information about the supervisor candidates follows:

DeRosa, along with his wife, has owned the Covert/South Haven KOA campground for the past 14 years.

He said he is running for township supervisor to continue serving the community.

"Since my return to Covert, I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve this community in a variety of ways," he said. "During my time as a trustee, I had the pleasure to lead the project to build the fire and police complex, allowing me to utilize my extensive background in construction and engineering."

Palgen said he is running for re-election to "continue to serve the people, utilizing my 20 years as township clerk and supervisor in providing individualized attention, as well as needed resources in meeting their needs, concerns and expectations."

In addition to the pending closure of Palisades, Palgen said other important issues face the township.

"We have applied for a grant/loan from the USDA to help fund needed wastewater system upgrades," he said. He also said that as financial uncertainties confront the township, it will be important for the township board and planning commission to continue to work together as a team.

Treasurer's race

After losing to challenger Barbara Rose in the August Primary, Covert Township Treasurer Wednesday Pritchard plans to run against Rose as a write-in candidate in the Nov. 3 general election.

"Due to an overwhelming reaction from townspeople, I have decided to run as a write-in candidate in hopes of retaining my current position," Pritchard

Pritchard has been serving as treasurer for the past year after the township board appointed her to the position when long-time Treasurer Marilyn Rendell retired. Before that, she served as deputy treasurer for 2 1/2 years.

Rose previously served as township supervisor from 2008-2016.

Rose defeated Pritchard, 180-143, in the August primary.

Rose said she is running for treasurer to help the township get through the financial difficulties that are expected to occur with the pending closure of Palisades.

"As a member of the board ,there is a need to accurately identify future township needs and prioritize budget support," Rose said. "The township must deal with the shortfalls and not kick problems down the road by continuing to spend. More of our residents need to be included in the local and county government processes to generate new ideas."

Pritchard said the township has been preparing for the closure of the nuclear plant.

"I have already been working diligently with the budget alongside township Supervisor Palgen. Not only were we able to make the projected cuts for this year, we were also able to cover a large deficit from last year's budget, all without having to make any drastic changes to our current operations or staffing. ... This sort of fine-tooth combing of the budget will continue if I am re-elected. I would like to explore more lucrative – yet safe – options for our investments as well."

SCANNING THE HORIZON

Don Campbell / HP staff

A lone figure looks out over Lake Michigan on Tuesday afternoon at Jean Klock Park in Benton Harbor.

Whitmer signs bills to extend unemployment

LANSING (AP) — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed bills to lengthen state unemployment benefits to 26 weeks, from 20 weeks, through the end of the year.

The laws enacted Tuesday largely codify changes the Democratic governor had ordered early in the coronavirus pandemic under her emergency authority. The Michigan Supreme Court recently struck down a law that was the underpinning of various orders, making the unemployment and other orders invalid.

Whitmer urged the Republican-led Legislature to next make the 26 weeks of benefits permanent, which is the case in 40 other states.

Whitmer last spring extended the maximum length of state payments, expanded eligibility and added flexibility in the "work share" program that provides partial benefits when businesses cut workers' hours rather than lay them off. The jobless can receive additional payments from the federal government once they exhaust their state benefits.

Lawmakers did not continue a Whitmer-ordered provision that she said had been intended to speed up claims processing by allowing the Unemployment Insurance Agency to review only a claimant's most recent employer separation.

Halloween-related events set for SJ, Stevensville

By HP STAFF

Downtown St. Joseph businesses and restaurants are hosting a pumpkin decorating contest this Friday through Nov. 1, while Stevensville will be holding a harvest parade on Saturday.

The event in St. Joseph, known as Pumpkins on Parade, will feature a vote in which residents can vote for their favorite pumpkin online at stjoetoday.com/vote.

The top three winners will be announced on Nov. 2 on the St. Joseph Today Facebook page.

Pumpkins will be on display at these participating locations: 221 Main, Baroda Founders, Bistro on the Boulevard, Chartreuse, St. Joseph Public Works Department (located at City Hall), Edgewater Bank, G&M Variety, Grins of St. Joseph, Krasl Art Center, Lazy Ballerina Winery, Perennial Accents, Plank's Tavern on the Water, Re-Vive Spa, Schu's Bar & Grill, Silver Beach Pizza, St. Joseph Today, Statements Style Lounge, Sturgis Bank & Trust Co., The Buck Burgers & Brew, The Toy Company, Third Coast Surf Shop, Tim's Too, Waterfront Framing & Design and White Pine Winery.

Then on Saturday, the Miss Stevensville Scholarship Organization is holding a harvest parade featuring Miss Stevensville and her court on a float along with a car carrying the village president. It will start at 11 a.m. on Longhorn Trail at Cleveland Avenue. It will travel along Longhorn to Racine Drive, Wacker Drive and back to Longhorn.

The parade will be escorted by the Lincoln Township police and fire department, according to Chris Andrews with the organization.

IN BRIEF

Berrien, Cass both see COVID-19 deaths

The number of recorded COVID-19 cases continues to rise in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties.

Berrien County recorded another COVID-19 death Wednesday, bringing the county's pandemic death toll to 79.

As of Wednesday, Berrien County has recorded 2,238 confirmed cases, up from 2,199 recorded Tuesday; 296 probable cases, up from 293 on Tuesday; and 1,879 recoveries, up from 1,862, since the county began tracking pandemic information in March.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating 20 COVID-19 positive patients at the hospital Wednesday morning, up two from Tuesday..

Cass County recorded five new cases on Wednesday, bringing its total to 804. The county recorded one additional COVID-19 death Wednesday, bringing the total to 24.

Van Buren County added seven new cases Wednesday, bringing the total to 879. No new deaths were recorded.

Grandfather's death during pandemic inspires young musician, songwriter

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — When Kalamazoo musician Jonathan Townley wanted to record his first album, he could have chose a recording studio close to home, but instead he turned west toward a small rural area just north of South Haven, in Casco Township.

It is an area Townley knows well and whose surroundings and people have influenced his original music.

One of those influences was his grandfather, longtime Casco Township resident and minister George Fleming, who died this past spring. Fleming served as a pastor at a number of churches in Southwest Michigan, including Casco United Methodist Church and Sodus Chapel Hill Methodist Church.

"With the COVID pandemic raging around him, Jonathan witnessed his grandfather's death in April," said Townley's publicist, Christina Fleming. "George Fleming fought cancer for six years before being referred to hospice care. The immediate family moved into his grandfather's home to care for him during the last week of his life. Some of his grandfather's last words to Jonathan were 'your hymns,' which meant, 'please sing your original songs.'"

One of those songs is "Silent Spring," a tribute to his grandfather. It is among the songs on Townley's new CD. Inside the jacket cover he wrote, "This album is for you, Grandpa, who always made us feel like angels. May the wings that you gave us now carry you."

After the death of his grandfather, Townley, a 20-year-old Kalamazoo College student, felt inspired to write more new songs. He said he wrote music as a way to process grief and live fully in an era without traditional funeral rituals. All of the songs on the album were recorded at his grandfather's blueberry farm. The album's cover was photographed inside his grandfather's barn, as well. This fall, Townley will release music videos filmed at the blueberry farm.

Townley's songwriting style has been compared to Bob Dylan, James Taylor, and is influenced by the group, Rainbow Kitten Surprise. His music speaks to loss, love, and healing in the COVID era.

The album will debut this Friday, with a live Youtube concert. For links to digital streaming or to reserve a ticket for the online album launch concert, visit jonathantownleymusic.com.

Photo submitted

Singer songwriter Jonathan Townley stands on a rural road in Casco Township, near grandfather George Fleming's farm, where he wrote and recorded songs for his new CD.

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Liberals panicking about a 2016 repeat

Jonah Goldberg

The 2016 election lives loudly in everybody right now.

On the Trumpian right, "the polls were wrong before" isn't merely an observation, it's a catechism.

And on the anti-Trumpian left, it's a constant source of anxiety bordering on panic. It's making a lot of folks a little crazy.

My friend John Podhoretz, conservative editor of Commentary Magazine, pointed this out to me a few months ago. He lives in New York City, surrounded by Upper West Side liberals prone to flights of jangly rage if you suggest that Joe Biden has the race in the bag.

"Don't jinx it! That's what people said in 2016!" they shout.

Since then, it's only gotten worse. The fear that the country could reelect President Donald Trump after so much muchness these last four years is almost an existential dread, manifesting as quick-tempered outrage at anyone or anything that might upset Biden's trajectory.

It doesn't help that Biden is running a defensive campaign, predicated on the assumption that the more Trump is the center of attention, the better it is for Biden. Add in the fact that while Biden has a reassuring personality, he's not a reassuring campaigner. He's not a senile basket case, as the Trump campaign foolishly tries to paint him. But he is very much a man showing his age. And even as a young man, Biden had a gift for shoving his foot in his mouth. Put it all together and there's dancing-on-a-razor's-edge anxiety coloring every news cycle.

For instance, Trump lost the first debate, badly. The reaction from liberals wasn't, "Hooray, we've got two more debates to drive nails into Trump's electoral coffin!" Rather, the call went out that Biden should refuse to debate Trump again. Some of this was no doubt revulsion at Trump's debate demeanor. But some of it was clearly rooted in a fear that Biden dodged a bullet. Like Apollo Creed at the end of the first "Rocky" movie, a "there ain't gonna be no rematch" feeling took over.

When The New York Post published a sketchy piece based on the alleged contents of Hunter Biden's alleged hard drive, spoon-fed to it by Rudy Giuliani, the 2016 panic kicked in. Twitter foolishly tried to suppress the story, giving it more traction than it would have had on the merits. Even reporters who questioned its legitimacy were attacked by liberals for giving it oxygen.

When NBC offered Trump a town hall opposite Biden's last week, a FireChuckTodd hashtag lit up social media.

This panic isn't just a phenomenon of elected Democrats and blue checkmark liberal journalists and activists. It's seeping into the electorate.

Among Trump supporters, there's a widespread belief that "shy Trump voters" – i.e., people who didn't want to admit their preference to pollsters – carried the day for Trump in 2016 and will do it again. There's little evidence for this theory. What looked like shy voters in 2016 were actually a surge of undecided voters breaking late for Trump. That could happen again, but the problem for Trump is that there are far fewer undecideds this time around, and the few that exist seem to be leaning toward Biden.

Driving the shy Trump voter theory are polls showing people think their neighbors will vote for Trump. Gallup recently found that, despite Biden's consistent lead in the polls, 56 percent believe Trump will win. That's interesting. But how many of those people are liberals giving voice to their darkest fears?

A recent Fox News poll found that 49 percent of respondents believe their neighbors will vote for Trump; 38 percent think their neighbors will vote for Biden.

Here's the catch: The more liberal you are, the more likely you are to believe your neighbors aren't. "Very liberal" respondents are nearly three times more likely to think there's a Trump voter next door.

The thing is, we know "very liberal" voters tend to live among very liberal voters, not secret Republicans. Pollster Chris Anderson, who co-conducts the Fox News poll, chalks this finding up to "a combination of 2016 PTSD and liberal anxiety."

This same anxiety is driving liberals to the polls in record numbers. Turnout is on track to dwarf 2016 levels, which makes a repeat of Trump's narrow Electoral College victory difficult. Indeed, nearly 30 million people have already voted. And where partisan affiliation is reported, Democrats are outvoting Republicans more than 2 to 1. In other words, fear of a 2016 replay may be the reason we won't have one. So maybe take a Xanax, everybody?

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We will not forget

Leonard Pitts

You did not stand up.

Granted, America faced neither enemy bombers nor terrorist plot, but the threat to her was – still is – no less real. Your country needed you.

And you did not stand up.

You told yourself party was more important. You told yourself the courts were more important. You told yourself tax cuts were more important. And you convinced yourself you could put up with his bluster and bullying, with his lies, his hatefulness, his bungling, his complete unfitness, if that was the price those things demanded. You could keep your head down, nod a lot, say as little as possible and, when pressed, pretend to believe the unbelievable, support the insupportable, find no offense in the blatantly offensive.

Your country needed you. You did not stand up.

Now here we are, just days before the election, and your president, the man you Republicans clung to like Jack and Rose on the stern of Titanic, seems poised to do what Titanic did. No one old enough to remember the airless shock of election night 2016 is taking anything for granted, mind you. On the other hand, one would much rather have Joe Biden's polling numbers right now than Donald Trump's.

Many of you seem to agree. Lately, one can hardly open a paper or go online without seeing one of you edging carefully away from the man to whom you once stuck like Velcro. There's Sen. John Cornyn comparing his fealty to Trump to a woman who marries a bad man, thinking she can change him. There's Sen. Ben Sasse criticizing Trump for cozying up to dictators and white supremacists. There's Sen. Martha McSally bobbing and weaving like Muhammad Ali when asked if she is proud of supporting Trump. And so on.

Well, to all of you – lawmakers, administration officials, party hacks and other assorted enablers – who have tardily discovered that Trump is a disaster that walks like a man, we have something to say. That's not the editorial we, by the way. It is, rather, the we of those Americans who watched in apoplectic dismay as our country – its norms, its values, its virtues, its verities and its laws – came under attack while you failed to stand up.

I suspect I speak for more than a few of them when I say that your 11th-hour attempts to put distance between you and Trump do not fool us. As far as we're concerned, the stink of what you did – what you failed to do – will follow you the rest of your days. May it make you less employable. May it haunt you at sidewalk cafes. May your kids ask you about it. And for any of you who broke the law – up to and including Trump himself – may there be prosecution to the fullest extent.

Maybe that sounds vindictive. America is, after all, a nation of second chances. Mike Tyson went from a rape conviction to Hollywood movies. Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton went from scandal-tainted punchlines to respected party elders. And the argument will inevitably be made that we ought not dwell in the past, that we need to move on.

To which, we say: not this time. Redemption is a fine thing. Moving on is, too.

But sometimes, you need accountability. Not simply as a salve for what is wounded in us now, but also as a warning to those who would wound us in the future. Maybe they'll be less likely to do so if they see that there is a price to pay for sitting down when your country needs you to stand. So let this be the message from the American majority to Trump and his enablers.

We will not forget.

And we will not forgive.

NOTE: In a recent column, I used "Stars and Bars" as a synonym for the notorious Confederate battle flag. The "Stars and Bars" was actually the national flag of the Confederacy. I regret the error.

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LETTERS

Time to send another Democrat to Lansing

Editor,

To the voters in Southwest Michigan: The last time a Democrat was elected to the state's 78th District was 1964. This election, Democrat Dan VandenHeede is absolutely the best candidate for your vote.

Dan has been a Niles City councilman for over 20 years and was on many boards and commissions to improve Niles and Southwest Michigan. He was a high school civics and social studies teacher for 25 years. He also coached track and cross country and was the sponsor of several after school clubs.

Dan is accomplished in many other fields. He and his wife have renovated their 100-year-old house. He can repair your car and tell you how to convert it to run on used vegetable oil. He has a great knowledge of solar power that he has used to convert his house to be "off the grid." He is also a long-distance runner who has been in many 5k and 10k races and marathons.

His opponent, Brad Paquette, is a short-time resident of the area and lacks the credentials Dan has acquired over the years of community work and living in and knowing Southwest Michigan. Let's look to the future with someone who has a broad political experience and has an ample view of what life in Southwest Michigan should be. Vote for Dan VandenHeede.

Dean E. Hill
Niles

Who's doing the rigging?

Editor,

Donald Trump cites a "rigged election" about which he and his Republican supporters should be well acquainted as they have pulled out all stops to suppress the vote in every state.

It began when he appointed his powerful campaign donor, Louis DeJoy, as postmaster general. Immediately top administrators in the USPS were fired, sorting machines were removed and disabled, and routes delayed. All moves were the first steps to slow mail delivery, and therefore impede the voting process ever more popular this year, especially with COVID-19 (which has caused the deaths of nearly a quarter of a million Americans.)

Gov. Abbott of Texas ordered all absentee drop boxes to be restricted to one per county. One drop box alone would have to service 4 million voters *if* a person could drive far enough to get there!

In California, the Republican Party placed counterfeit ballot drop boxes in highly Democratic counties.

It is not clear what they intended to do with these ballots, but this was an illegal crime deserving prosecution!

In Michigan, the Republican Party has pushed back against our mail-in voting option so much that as it stands now, the ballots may not be opened as they arrive, nor counted early, and that all mail in ballots must be received by election day, even if postmarked early, in order to be counted. This puts enormous burden on our diligent poll workers.

Please vote early and deliver your ballot to one of the convenient official Michigan ballot drop boxes, or deliver them personally to your local clerk. Let's answer these suppressions and allegations with a "blue tsunami"!

Cynthia Miller
Benton Harbor

Who is Trump working for?

Editor,

Trump is working off his loans by doing all he can to disrupt the United States democratic process. He can't get lions in this country, so who could he be working for?

(We're still waiting for his taxes.)

Patrick Yore
Coloma

What's a sheriff's word worth these days?

Editor,

Sheriffs Paul Bailey and Dan Abbott's television performance would have prompted me to smash my set in rage had I done prison time based on their testimony.

The two tell flat-out falsehoods in an ad promoting U.S. Rep. Fred Upton for re-election. Upton opponent Jon Hoadley has never expressed a desire to "defund the police."

I won't say Abbott and Bailey lied. They may have been given the guano by Upton's campaign. But repeating it undermines their credibility as professional investigators.

Both are longtime law enforcement officers, Abbott in Van Buren County and Bailey in Berrien. Both have taken the stand, swore oaths and testified in hundreds of criminal cases. Now I wonder how many of those convictions should be overturned.

Jim Dalgleish
St. Joseph

Election letters

The deadline for letters related to the Nov. 3 election is Monday, Oct. 26. Any letters received after that date will not be published.

Due to high volume, there will not be room to run all letters received.

Letters related to candidates and issues will be limited to 300 words.

Write us

Here's how to submit a letter to the editor:

Email: letters@TheHP.com

Regular mail: Editorial Page, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085

All letters should include a daytime telephone number and street address for verification.

ANOTHER OPINION

Restore faith in COVID-19 vaccines

Pfizer officials announced on Oct. 16 that the pharmaceutical giant won't be ready to apply for FDA approval of its COVID-19 vaccine until the third week of November.

That means there will be no miracle Election Day vaccine – which should assuage fears that this potentially lifesaving development might be prematurely rushed past scientific protocols for political ends.

A credible vaccine is needed, especially with coronavirus cases once again trending upward across the country.

However, to prevent the spread of the potentially deadly virus, any vaccine must not only be safe and effective, it must also be widely adopted. That's not guaranteed given the swirl of fear and misinformation concerning the record pace of Operation Warp Speed, the federal effort to accelerate development, production and distribution of COVID-19 treatments and vaccines.

Only about half the people responding to a recent Pew Research Center survey said they would definitely or probably get a coronavirus vaccine if it were available today. That's down from 72 percent in May. More than three-fourths of the survey respondents said they believed things were moving too fast: That a vaccine could be approved before its safety and effectiveness were fully understood.

Scientific and public health leaders are watching to make sure that doesn't happen. Earlier this month, the University of Washington co-hosted with Johns Hopkins University a virtual symposium to discuss the scientific integrity of vaccine development.

Their goal is to ensure that potential vaccines are thoroughly and ethically tested, that trials are inclusive and vaccines, once manufactured, are equitably distributed to slow and eventually end the pandemic. It is reassuring to know that independent scientists are on the job.

Pfizer's announcement takes the air out of election-related rumors, but more must be done to help reassure the nervous public that the accelerated timeline is not being pushed at the expense of safety.

Rarely has scientific development been the subject of such intense public scrutiny or skepticism. That demands unprecedented transparency and public education about scientific processes, too.

– The Seattle Times

OBITUARIES

DeEdrelle Burton

Dec. 22, 1965 – Oct. 14, 2020

DeEdrelle "Dee" James Burton, 54, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2020.

DeEdrelle was born Dec. 22, 1965, in South Haven.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents: James and WillieMae Mardis, and Eddie and Janie Burton; parents: Willie and Jean Burton; and nephew, Allen Trevon Velox.

He left to cherish his memory four brothers: Woodrow (Melinda) Braswell, Willie Burton, Travis Burton, Lamone Jordan; five sisters: Chana Burton, Ishanee Velox, Pamala Wilkins, Letitia Jordan, Fanchon Carter; his aunt, Jane Willhite; and his nieces, nephews, and a host of cousins.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Oct. 24, at Landhealers Ministries, 3302 Mindi Lane, Kalamazoo.

Qweeda Johnson

April 25, 1958 – Oct. 14, 2020

Qweeda "Weeda" Johnson, 62, of Benton Harbor departed this life Oct. 14, 2020, at Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids.

A service celebrating her life will be Oct. 23, at the Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor. The visitation begins at 11 a.m. followed by the service at noon. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Qweeda was born April 25, 1958 in Sikeston Mo., to the Rev. John and Arlene Johnson. The family relocated to Benton Harbor, where they united with the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, where Qweeda was baptized at an early age. She sang with various choirs and the Praise team and served as a nurse and an usher.

Qweeda enjoyed people and engaging in great conversations that would make you laugh. She loved her family and church family; she left an imprint on everyone she met.

Qweeda leaves precious memories in the hearts of her children: Diata (Roy) Johnson, Yoniniha (Wesley) Parker, Vanchino Johnson, Shamorrow Johnson and Decorey Johnson; grandchildren: Ta'Tiara, Roy and Ne'Siya Anderson, Jay'Shawn Scrubbs, Arielle Coleman, Madalynn, Wesley, and Latham Parker, Karsen Johnson Isabelle Johnson, Corey Johnson, and Legend Smith; two great-grandchildren: Rihanna and Azyrea Anderson; siblings: Lonnie Johnson, Freddie Johnson, Glory and Dairy (Barbara) Johnson and Patrick (Linda) Johnson; and a host of cousins, church family, family and friends,

Qweeda is preceded in death by her parents: the Rev. John and Arlene Johnson; brothers: John Sr., Edward and Milton Johnson.

David T. Boyle

Dec. 22, 1945 – April 19, 2020

David T. Boyle, 74, of Benton Harbor went to meet his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, April 19, 2020, at his home.

A celebration of life service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at Crystal Springs Church of God.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Dave's name may be made to Crystal Springs Church of God or Caring Circle Hospice. Those wishing to sign Dave's memory book or view Dave's service online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com. Dave's service will be live-streamed at www.crystalspringsfamily.com.

Dave was born Dec. 22, 1945, in Chicago, to Thomas and Kathryn "Kay" (Schell) Boyle. He graduated from Fenger High School in Chicago, class of 1964, and earned a bachelor's degree from Anderson College in Anderson, Ind., in 1968.

On June 24, 1967, he married the former Sandy LaShure in Anderson. Dave taught at Covert Public Schools at the elementary level from 1968-1995. Dave was a member of Crystal Springs Church of God, where he served as head usher. He cherished the time spent with his church family on Sundays and other special occasions. In his free time, Dave enjoyed tending to his sports cards and memorabilia business, Kard Korner.

Dave is survived by his wife, Sandy; two sons, Michael (Makiko) Boyle of Tokyo, Japan, and Terry (Silvana Viegas) Boyle of Stevensville; his grandson and best buddy, Leonardo Viegas-Boyle; brother-in-law, Steve and Carol (Nevin) LaShure; two nieces, Courtney and Stephanie; and six grandnephews and nieces: Mason, Olivia, Mariah, Owen, Gabe and Lilly.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his son, Christopher Boyle, on Jan. 19, 1978.

Jeffery Thomas

Aug. 14, 1964 – Oct. 20, 2020

Jeffery L. Thomas, 56, of St. Joseph passed away Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2020, at his home.

A celebration of life service will be at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with Major William S. Cox officiating. Friends may visit with the family beginning at 4 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions in Jeff's name may be made to the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan. Those wishing to sign Jeff's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Jeff was born Aug. 14, 1964, in Pontiac, Mich., to Clifford and Janette (Doyon) Thomas.

On Nov. 28, 1987, he married the former Terri Bell in Clarkston, Mich.

Jeff was employed as a maintenance engineer at Hoosier Tank in South Bend. He was previously employed at Tube Form Solutions. Jeff was highly respected in his field for his vast knowledge and skills and was sought after by numerous other companies for that reason. There was nothing that he couldn't fix or figure out and was always willing to help others in need. He was a modern-day MacGyver.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Terri; two daughters: Kari (Ken) Climer of Benton Harbor, and Kay Thomas of Sodus; his grandson, and "the apple of his eye," Colson Jeffery Climer; his sister, Rebecca Bolin of The Villages, Fla.; his brother, Kenneth (Deborah) Thomas of Clarksville, Tenn.; his sister-in-law, Sherri Simko of Waterford, Mich; his brother-in-law, Jeff (Marcie Scott) Bell of Rochester Hills, Mich.; numerous nieces and nephews; and his canine companion, Tucker.

Jeff was preceded in death by his daughter, Chelsea Thomas, on March 23, 2010; his father, Clifford; and his mother and stepfather: Janette and Raymond White.

Death notices

Lorraine M. Ford, 96, formerly of Berrien Springs: died Oct. 20, 2020, at Gilead Elder Care, St. Joseph. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Qweeda "Weeda" Johnson, 62, of Benton Harbor: died Oct. 14, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181

Myron E. Kesterke, 78, of Dowagiac: died Oct. 19, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Bowerman Funeral Home, Eau Claire, 461-4241.

Jerry Duane Mitchell, 84, of Eau Claire: died Oct. 16, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Jeffery Thomas, 56, of St. Joseph: died Oct. 20, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Willie Valentine Sr., 69, of Benton Harbor: died Oct. 10, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Jerry Duane Mitchell

May 2, 1936 – Oct. 16, 2020

Jerry Duane Mitchell, 84, of Eau Claire passed away Oct. 16, 2020, at West Woods of Bridgman.

A service celebrating his life will be Oct. 24 at Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor. The visitation begins at 10 a.m. followed by the service at 11 a.m. for immediate family only. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Jerry was born May 2, 1936, the only child of Eugene and Mary Ann Mitchell. He attended Eau Claire schools and graduated May of 1955.

Jerry leaves behind seven children; 21 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren; cousins and many of friends.

In lieu of flowers monetary donations will be accepted to purchase a memorial plaque at Eau Claire school.

Willie Valentine Sr.

Oct. 16, 1950 – Oct. 10, 2020

Willie Valentine Sr., 69, of Benton Harbor departed this life Oct. 10, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A service celebrating his life will be Oct. 24, at the Second Baptist Church, Benton Harbor. The visitation begins at 9 a.m. followed by the service at 10 a.m. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Willie was born Oct. 16, 1950, in Clarksdale, Miss., to James Sr., and Lillie Mae Valentine.

He grew up in Chicago where he attended DuSable High School and worked as a baker.

Willie accepted Christ as the head of his life and united with Second Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor Kenneth Gavin, currently under the leadership of Kenneth Robinson. Willie was an active member in his church and was ordained as a Deacon.

Willie had a great love for people. He loved his community and was helpful to all who needed him. He was very comical and enjoyed making people laugh. He was a loving father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He also loved to go fishing.

He leaves to cherish his memories his daughter, Felicia (Robert) Crocker; sons: Willie (Lisa) Valentine Jr., and David Valentine; sisters: Mary Harris, Rosetta Valentine, Shirley Valentine, Carol Kelly and Leanna Spanks; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, aunties, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Willie was preceded in death by his parents: James and Lillie Valentine; son, Ronald Greene; daughter, Patricia Neal; sisters: Bobbie Thomas, Delores Valentine, Mary Brown; and brother, James Valentine Jr.

Martha Darling

June 11, 1945 – Oct. 17, 2020

Martha L. (Quigley) Darling, 75, of Coloma died Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020, at her home.

Services celebrating her life will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, at the Coloma Cemetery with Pastor Jay Hartmann officiating. Burial will follow the service. The family received friends and relatives from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Coloma.

Please practice social distancing and wear your mask. Memorials may be made to the family or to the Coloma American Legion. Please share memories, messages or photos at www.florin.net.

Martha was born June 11, 1945, in Coloma to John and Ethel Quigley.

She married her husband, (George) Bud Darling, in 1963, and he preceded her in death in 2019. Together they celebrated 55 years of marriage.

Martha was a long-time member of the Faith Lutheran Church. She was a daily fixture at her favorite place the "Hot Spot Restaurant" in Coloma for many years. She was also the city clerk for Coloma for close to 30 years. Martha always said that Coloma was "my town" and she enjoyed getting to know everyone. She was also the Avon Lady for 30 years in the Coloma Area.

On the weekends when her husband was alive you could find both of them at one of the local flea markets, which they enjoyed going to. She was very family oriented both as a mom and grandmother. Her hobby was people and the city of Coloma. Martha was community-minded and her focus was Coloma. She was honored in 2007 as the Honorary Person at the Glad-Peach Festival.

Her family includes her daughters: Katherine Darling of Coloma, Carol Darling of Coloma, and Lori (Larry) Jeffers of Massillon, Ohio; her grandchildren: Michael Badamy, Rachel (Travis) Urquart, and Erin McVay; her dog, Chico; and her many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Ricky, in 1972, and her 11 brothers and sister.

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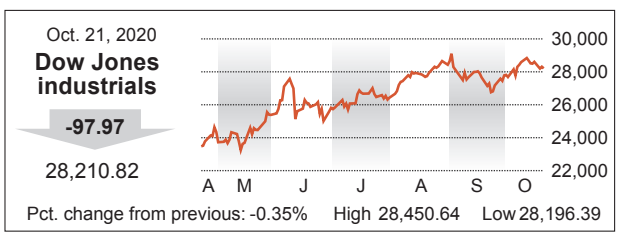

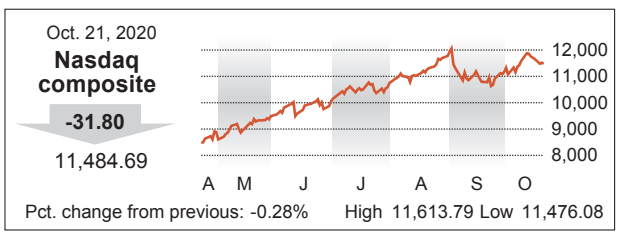

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CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	49.99	-.26	-0.5	▼	▲	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	47.74	44.52	+.25	+0.6	▼	▼	▼
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Disney	DIS	79.07	153.41	126.63	+1.68	+1.3	▼	▲	▲
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FifthThird	FITB	11.10	31.64	23.50	-.25	-1.1	▲	▲	▲
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FordM	F	3.96	9.58	7.85	+.11	+1.4	▲	▲	▲
GenElec	GE	5.48	13.26	7.32	-.02	-0.3	▲	▲	▲
HomeDp	HD	140.63	292.95	284.51	-1.53	-0.5	▼	▲	▲
HorizBcp	HBNC	7.42	19.48	12.16	+.16	+1.3	▲	▲	▲
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IBM	IBM	90.56	158.75	115.06	-2.31	-2.0	▼	▼	▼
JPMorgCh	JPM	76.91	141.10	99.37	-1.00	-1.0	▼	▲	▲
JohnJn	JNJ	109.16	157.00	143.93	-.62	-0.4	▼	▼	▼
Lowes	LOW	60.00	180.67	174.50	-2.59	-1.5	▼	▲	▲
McDnlds	MCD	124.23	231.91	228.19	+.74	+0.3	▼	▲	▲
Microsoft	MSFT	132.52	232.86	214.80	+.15	+0.1	▼	▲	▲
MillerHer	MLHR	14.39	49.88	33.87	-.72	-2.1	▲	▲	▲
Perrigo	PRGO	40.01	63.86	44.85	-1.31	-2.8	▼	▼	▼
Pfizer	PFE	27.88	40.97	37.08	-.41	-1.1	▼	▲	▲
ProctGam	PG	94.34	145.87	143.25	+.77	+0.5	▼	▲	▲
RepubSvc	RSG	65.37	100.91	91.67	-.61	-0.7	▼	▼	▼
Steelcse	SCS	7.02	23.02	11.79	-.29	-2.4	▼	▲	▲
Stryker	SYK	124.54	227.39	220.90	+.10	...	▼	▲	▲
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Target	TGT	90.17	167.42	163.29	-1.58	-1.0	▼	▲	▲
TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	157.07	149.12	-.58	-0.4	▼	▲	▲
UPS B	UPS	82.00	177.35	172.73	-2.15	-1.2	▼	▲	▲
VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	62.22	56.75	-.50	-0.9	▼	▼	▼
WEC Engy	WEC	68.01	109.53	101.09	+.46	+0.5	▼	▲	▲
WalMart	WMT	102.00	151.33	144.40	+.50	+0.3	▼	▲	▲
WalgBoots	WBA	33.88	64.50	37.39	-.10	-0.3	▼	▲	▲
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Virus spikes have officials looking to shore up hospitals

By LISA MARIE PANE, CARLA K. JOHNSON and DANIELLA PETERS
Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Hospitals across the United States are starting to buckle from a resurgence of COVID-19 cases, with several states setting records for the number of people hospitalized and leaders scrambling to find extra beds and staff. New highs in cases have been reported in states big and small – from Idaho to Ohio – in recent days.

The rise in cases and hospitalizations was alarming to medical experts.

Around the world, disease trackers have seen a pattern: First, the number of cases rises, then hospitalizations and finally there are increases in deaths. Seeing hospitals struggling is alarming because it may already be too late to stop a crippling surge.

"By the time we see hospitalizations rise, it means we're really struggling," said Saskia Popescu, an epidemiologist at George Mason University.

Surges in coronavirus cases have led hospitals in Rocky Mountain states to raise concerns as their intensive care bed space dwindles. Utah, Montana and Wyoming have all reported record highs this week for the number of people hospitalized with COVID-19. Seven of 10 intensive care beds were filled in Utah hospitals and about six in 10 in Montana.

In Nevada, where the economy relies heavily on the tourism industry, officials have stressed the need to maintain steady trends to bring back concerts and conventions that employ thousands on the Las Vegas Strip.

When Gov. Steve Sisolak, a Democrat, lifted the 50-person cap on gatherings on Oct. 1, he said he hoped to ensure safety while "preventing a rollercoaster of up and down cases that leads to uncertainty for meeting and convention and event planners."

Now, amid an autumn surge in new cases, Nevada is among seven states with more than 8 percent of hospital capacity taken up by COVID-19 patients. Due to competing demands, particularly from flu season, 71 percent of the state's hospital beds are occupied, the Nevada Hospital Association reported.

State officials have begun worrying that hospital beds will fill up if trends continue. Nevada reported 535 confirmed and suspected COVID-19 hospitalizations on Wednesday, up 19 percent from Oct. 1.

"One day is fine and you're not at the capacity. A week later, you can be bumping up against your capacity for beds and for ICU units. Hospitals can then be teetering on the edge of having to turn patients away. We have to avoid that," Sisolak said.

More than 40 million people around the globe have contracted the virus and more than 1.1 million people have died.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

Keeping a hungry St. Joseph team out of the nets in a 3-0 district tournament victory Tuesday night at Lancer Stadium, Lakeshore's fifth-ranked soccer team opened the feast-or-famine part of the season by starving yet another victim into defeat. In blanking the archival Bears, Lakeshore posted its fifth consecutive shutout, and advanced to a second-round Class B district game against Paw Paw on Thursday. The Lancers have held their opponents scoreless 12 times en route to a 16-2-1 record.

1985 – 35 years ago

The Berrien Springs Shamrocks put 35 points on the board before the Cassopolis Rangers could even turn around Friday night in posting their 10th straight win, a 42-13 Lakeland Blue victory. The Shamrocks, ranked 8th in the latest Associated Press Class C poll, cruised to the easy win behind the running of backup tailback Brian Robinson and fullback Scott Jones.

1970 – 50 years ago

More than 100 entries are expected to compete in the Michigan Sports Buggy hill climb on Sunday in Bridgman. The climb, sponsored by the Sawyer Chapter of the Michigan Sports Buggy Association, will offer competition in seven classes, including water pumpers and Volkswagens. Trophies will be awarded to the top eliminator, the first three finishers in each class and the winner of the powder puff race.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Oct. 22, the 296th day of 2020. There are 70 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Oct. 22, 1979, the U.S. government allowed the deposed Shah of Iran to travel to New York for medical treatment – a decision that precipitated the Iran hostage crisis.

On this date:

In 1797, French balloonist Andre-Jacques Garnerin (gahr-nayr-AN') made the first parachute descent, landing safely from a height of about 3,000 feet over Paris.

In 1811, composer and piano virtuoso Franz Liszt was born in the Hungarian town of Raiding in present-day Austria.

In 1836, Sam Houston was inaugurated as the first constitutionally elected president of the Republic of Texas.

In 1883, the original Metropolitan Opera House in New York held its grand opening with a performance of Gounod's "Faust."

In 1906, French post-impressionist painter Paul Cezanne died in Aix-en-Provence at age 67.

In 1934, bank robber Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd was shot to death by federal agents and local police at a farm near East Liverpool, Ohio.

In 1962, in a nationally broadcast address, President John F. Kennedy revealed the presence of Soviet-built missile bases under construction in Cuba and announced a quarantine of all offensive military equipment being shipped to the Communist island nation.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
T-storms Likely	Few Showers	Few Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Scattered T-storms	Few Showers
69°	53°	66° / 40°	51° / 39°	54° / 44°	55° / 41°

Local Outlook

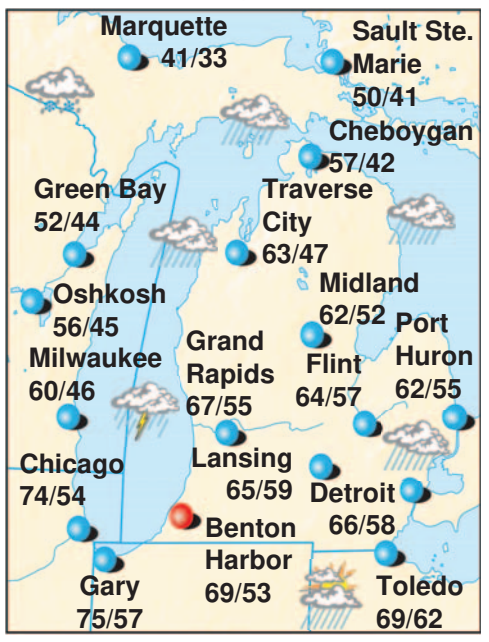
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with an 85% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high of 69°, humidity of 78%. East southeast wind 11 to 15 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a 70% chance of showers, overnight low of 53°. South wind 15 to 21 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 8:07 a.m.
Sunset ..... 6:52 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 2:46 p.m.
Moonset ..... 11:54 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
10/23	10/31	11/8	11/15

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	57°
Low	47°
Normal High	61°
Normal Low	41°
Record High	81° in 2015
Record Low	28° in 2002

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	1.08"
Normal for month	2.22"
Year to date	29.27"
Normal Year to date	30.97"

Air Quality

Yesterday 28
Main Offender ..... Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

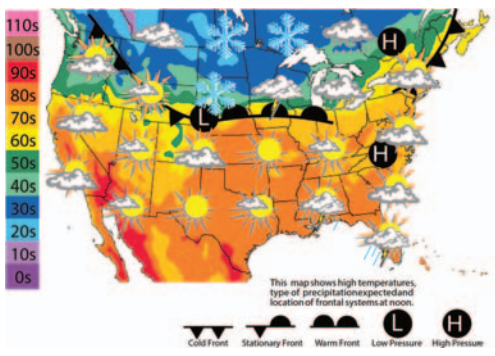
Weather Trivia

Humidity is measured by what device?

Answer: The device is a hygrometer.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Oct. 22, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, ENE wind 9 to 13 kt. Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Waves 1 ft or less. Water temperature 53 degrees. Tonight, S wind 13 to 21 kt. A chance of showers.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread rain and snow, highs from the 40s to the 60s. East southeast wind 3 to 13 mph. Expect cloudy skies Friday with widespread showers, highs in the 40s and 50s. Southwest wind 9 to 17 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 60s. East southeast wind 11 to 15 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Friday with widespread showers, highs in the 60s and 70s. West wind 15 to 18 mph.

Francis becomes 1st pope to endorse same-sex civil unions

By NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press

ROME — Pope Francis became the first pontiff to endorse same-sex civil unions in comments for a documentary that premiered Wednesday, sparking cheers from gay Catholics and demands for clarification from conservatives, given the Vatican's official teaching on the issue.

The papal thumbs-up came midway through the feature-length documentary "Francesco," which premiered at the Rome Film Festival. The film, which features fresh interviews with the pope, delves into issues Francis cares about most, including the environment, poverty, migration, racial and income inequality, and the people most affected by discrimination.

"Homosexual people have the right to be in a family. They are children of God," Francis said. "You can't kick someone out of a family, nor make their life miserable for this. What we have to have is a civil union law; that way they are legally covered."

While serving as archbishop of Buenos Aires, Francis endorsed civil unions for gay couples as an alternative to same-sex marriages. However, he had never come out publicly in favor of civil unions as pope, and no pontiff before him had, either.

WHIRLPOOL

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in the third quarter of 2019. Ongoing earnings per diluted share was $6.91, compared to the $3.97 in the third quarter of 2019.

This surpassed Wall Street analysts' expectations of $4.20 per share.

Whirlpool Chairman and CEO Marc Bitzer credited several decisive actions implemented earlier this year that has helped the company weather the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Our results this quarter are a testament to those actions, the exceptional execution by our employees, and the resiliency of our long-term strategy," Bitzer said. "Looking ahead, while uncertainty remains, our Q3 performance serves as an additional proof-point that we are well-positioned to capitalize on the structural improvements in housing and consumer trends, and firmly demonstrates the viability of our long-term shareholder value creation strategy."

Among the actions that Whirlpool executives focused on included a reduction in its marketing efforts, plus furloughs and layoffs that were made toward the end of the second quarter.

Several key developments in housing trends – such as great consumer enthusiasm for home improvements and home sales approaching all-time highs – helped push Whirlpool's third-quarter earnings past projections.

Another highlight for the company's third quarter included the improvement of free cash flow by about $1 billion. Whirlpool officials said this was driven by increased net earnings and disciplined working capital management.

This comes on the heels of Whirlpool approving a 5-cent increase on Monday in the quarterly dividend on the company's common stock, to $1.25 per share. In doing so, the appliance maker increased its dividend for the eighth consecutive year.

Whirlpool's shares began at $201.60 on the New York Stock Exchange, but closed Wednesday with a slight decrease to $196.83 a share. However, after-hours trading saw Whirlpool's stock surpass the $200 per share mark again.

Future outlook

Whirlpool officials are forecasting full-year 2020 net sales at a decline of 5 percent to 7 percent, and organic net sales of 0 percent to a decline of 1 percent.

The company is also projecting GAAP earnings per diluted share of $14.90 to $15.40 by the end of 2020.

While there is still some uncertainty regarding the coronavirus, Whirlpool announced it intends to repay $1.7 billion of outstanding short-term debt by the end of the fiscal – including all COVID-related borrowings.

Whirlpool, which previously withdrew its 2020 earnings guidance, reinstated its full-year guidance following its third-quarter earnings.

Jim Peters, chief financial officer of Whirlpool, said they are increasing the company's full-year revenue expectations despite the ongoing pandemic.

"Our liquidity position remains exceptionally strong, and we expect to continue to strengthen our balance sheet by paying down the short-term debt we took on at the outset of the pandemic by the end of the year," Peters said. "Finally, we are happy to have announced a dividend increase for the eighth consecutive year, reflecting the confidence we have in our business now and in the future."

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CINEMA

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Herald-Palladium.

When other Celebration Cinema theaters reopened earlier this month, Loeks said it was a "tough business call" whether to reopen the Benton Township theater.

Instead, its reopening was pushed back two weeks to gauge the theater's new business model and demand.

Loeks previously said 95 percent of the company's workers were put on furlough due to the ongoing closure, and that more than 200 employees – nearly a quarter of its workforce – left to take other jobs.

During that time, she said the company posted losses of close to $1 million a month since April.

Capacity will be limited to 25 percent to 50 percent at the Benton Township location, Loeks said.

The company urges patrons to buy tickets online, adding that no cash will be accepted if they are purchased in person. Because of this, Celebration Cinema is temporarily waiving the service fee for online ticket sales.

Masks will be required for movie patrons, except when people are seated for the movie.

Loeks said they are taking cleaning practices up a notch with continual attention to sanitizing high-touch areas such as doors, counters, arm rests and payment areas, and by performing deep cleaning overnight.

She said they will continue to use ventilation units for air quality and cleanliness.

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HEROIN

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The health department indicated in its release that the Brorphine samples seized by Michigan State Police have been grey in color. It is unknown if Brorphine found in Michigan that is purple is arriving already colored, or if local dealers are adding color to brand their product.

Health department officials are asking area residents and health care professionals to be aware of the new substance and the increased risk it brings, and to stress that naloxone, also known as Narcan, be made available to people who use such substances.

"It is unclear if naloxone will work to reverse the effects of Brorphine," the health department stated in its news release. "We continue to encourage the use of naloxone, as Brorphine has been found to be combined with opiates, such as Fentanyl."

Organizations or individuals interested in receiving naloxone kits and training for how to administer naloxone can contact Van Buren County Mental Health Prevention Services at 269-655-3391, or email prevention@vbcmh.com

Virtual presentation & moderated Q&A

Creative Expression: Why the Arts Matter in Times of Crisis

DONNA WALKER-KUHNE

Author & Founder of Walker International Communications Group Inc.

Thursday, Oct. 29, 2020

6:45 pm – Pre-presentation meeting & information
7:00 pm – Online speaker presentation

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Re-imagine how you can engage with arts organizations as they present experiences that are accessible to today's diverse audiences and respond to today's needs. Guest speaker, Donna Walker-Kuhne will share highlights of successful social justice programs which are grounded in the arts and community engagement.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

Award-winning arts marketing consultant Donna Walker-Kuhne is the country's go-to expert on creating multicultural audiences. Widely recognized as the author of the groundbreaking *Invitation to the Party: Building Bridges to the Arts, Culture and Community*, she follows up that title with *Champions for the Arts: Lessons and Successful Strategies for Engaging Diverse Audiences*. She is a dynamic lecturer and innovator who shares her expertise with clients representing events from intimate gallery productions to Broadway hits and feature films.

POST-PRESENTATION PANEL DISCUSSION

Following the presentation and moderated Q&A, a panel of local leaders and experts will discuss the role creative expression and the arts play during times of crisis here in southwestern Michigan.

SCHEDULED PANELISTS ARE:

- Traci Burton, Community Influencer
- Lisa Cripps Downey, President of Berrien Community Foundation
- Tasha Turner, MA, LPC, CTP, Program Director, Trauma Informed Initiatives, Population Health, Spectrum Health Lakeland
- Mamie L. Yarbrough, Berrien County Commissioner

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hp SPORTS

Big Ten football has finally arrived

Finally, the start of the Big Ten football season is here!

Al Arend
Big Al's Picks

It begins Friday night with Wisconsin hosting Illinois on the Big Ten Network. The nine-game regular season ends on Saturday, Dec. 12, with Ohio State beating Michigan for the 16th time in the last 17 years.

Currently – despite not having played yet – there are five Big Ten teams rated in this week's Associated Press Top 25 poll. They include: Ohio State (No. 5), Penn State (No. 8), Wisconsin (No. 14), Michigan (No. 18), and Minnesota (No. 21).

Polls are fun, but at this point are pretty much meaningless. Example: Notre Dame is rated No. 3?

AP voters must not have watched that "impressive" 12-7 victory over unranked Louisville.

What can Michigan State and Michigan fans expect this season, if no games are cancelled due to the virus?

Michigan

The Wolverines are currently underdogs in three games (Ohio State, Penn State and Wisconsin) and are only a slight favorite over Minnesota. That's a possible three to four losses for coach Jim Harbaugh's program, which remains the most over-hyped program in America.

Michigan State

New coach Mel Turner has his hands full as oddsmakers only have the Spartans favored in ONE game, Saturday's season opener against Rutgers. The Maryland game is a toss-up. Both the Spartans and Wolverines will be starting quarterbacks with very little game experience.

Top college game

Michigan 27, Minnesota 24

The Wolverines, as of this writing, are favored by 3 ½ points. Initially, the Gophers were favored by 1. Vegas lines do not move that much unless something is up.

Rumor has it that several key Minnesota players have tested positive for the virus. The game is Saturday night on ABC. The conference's return-to-play guidelines are very stringent. Any player who tests positive for the virus must sit out 21 days at a minimum. That's a third of the nine-game season.

Top high school game

DeWitt 24, Lakeshore 10

Lakeshore has knocked off two undefeated teams in a row. Can the No. 10 Lancers beat Division 3's No. 1-rated team? Tough task after a long bus ride.

On with the forecast:

HIGH SCHOOL
Last week: 9-0, 1.000
Season: 39-9, .813
Friday

B.C. Lakeview 21, St. Joseph 14
DeWitt 24, Lakeshore 10
Harper Creek 35, Benton Harbor 27
Berrien Springs 23, Cassopolis 20
Buchanan 38, Brandywine 13
South Haven 28, Hartford 14
Watervliet 34, Parchment 23
Constantine 35, Coloma 28
Bridgman 55, Wyo. Tri-unity 28
Marcellus 42, M. Lutheran 34

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MHSAA examines winter sports plans

Post-Jan. 1 start dates possible as sports governing body deliberates options

By PATRICK NOTHAFT
MLive.com (TNS)

Michigan crowned its first set of high school state champions from the 2020-21 academic year last weekend, as girls golfers and boys tennis teams hoisted the hardware.

The process of putting those tournaments together and successfully completing them is an afterthought most years, but amid the coronavirus pandemic, it's a gold star for the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

But with COVID-19 cases on the rise across the state, one question naturally follows: What about the state's winter sports?

During a Wednesday interview on Bill Simonson's sports talk radio program The Huge Show, MHSAA executive director Mark Uyl shed some light on a timeframe for an early plan for winter sports, indicating news about the path forward for will be announced as early as Thursday afternoon.

"Our board, the representative council, we're going to meet tomorrow afternoon, and the biggest item on the agenda is going to be some guidance for our winter sports," Uyl said. "The first thing that we're going to have to decide is: Do we start practicing competition on time? Does that make sense? Does a pause or a delay make sense?"

"So, certainly (Thursday) afternoon, we'll be able to get word out of what the start date for winter sport practicing competition would be," Uyl added.

The one option Uyl covered in-depth during the interview involves starting practices in November, then holding at least a month of practices before starting seasons after the holiday break.

"I could even see a scenario to where we start practice some time during the month of November, and maybe we see how practice goes for four or five weeks, and as everyone kinds of heads off for the holidays, and you get those different family events and travel and gatherings, then maybe does it make some sense that all winter competition kicks off maybe after January 1?" Uyl said. "So, you start practice in November, you get maybe a handle on a lot of the indoor challenges, and then games and competitions can begin after the first of the year. That will be something we'll talk about tomorrow."

One thing Uyl said he's hesitant to do is put a hold on all high school athletic activities around the state, which he said will open the door for other leagues to bring together kids from many communities amid the pandemic.

"My fear if we delayed the start of winter practice to, let's say that it was after the first of the year, well what will happen in November and December is the non-school world is going to swoop in, and they're going to sign kids up for all sorts of basketball leagues and wrestling opportunities and a seven-week short hockey season, and so in the non-school space, you'll have kids from different school districts mixing with each other every single week night and every single weekend," he said.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Teams fight for playoff seeding

Lakeshore, St. Joseph in strong positions; Coloma has key matchup with Constantine

By HP STAFF

Although every 11-player football team in Michigan is guaranteed a spot in this year's postseason, area teams still have plenty to play for in the final week of the shortened regular season.

Eight-team districts have already been determined by the MHSAA, which will be seeded based on playoff point rankings. Here's a look at where area teams stand headed into the final week.

Division 3

Lakeshore (4-1) and St. Joseph (4-1) have difficult final-week opponents, but are in very favorable situations in their district due to their performance so far.

Lakeshore leads the district with a 60.0 playoff-point average, with St. Joseph second at 50.6. The Lancers, ranked No. 10 in Division 3, are at top-ranked DeWitt on Friday. Lakeshore would secure the district's top seed with a victory, but even with a loss, the Lancers are virtually assured a top-two seed and home advantage for at least two rounds.

St. Joseph is at Battle Creek Lakeview (4-1) on Friday. The Bears would clinch a top-two seed with a win, and are a safe bet to have at least one home game even with a loss.

Likely first-round opponents for the Bears or Lancers include Gull Lake (0-5), Niles (1-4) or Sturgis (2-3).

Parma Western (4-1) is currently third in the district with a 42.2 average, and closes the season with a key game against Coldwater (3-2), which is fifth at 38.0. Battle Creek Harper Creek (3-2) is fourth with 38.6.

Don Campbell / HP staff

St. Joseph's Dylan Stevens pulls in a catch while defended by Lakeshore's Landen Thompson during the first half of a game on Oct. 9.

Division 5

Four local teams are in the same Division 5 district, and all are currently in position to start the postseason on the road. But in a closely-packed district, some of them might be able to earn home games with victories.

South Haven (3-2) is seeded fifth with a 34.0 average, followed by Benton Harbor (2-3) at 31.1, Dowagiac (2-3) at 30.5, and Berrien Springs (2-3) at 26.0.

Those teams may not be out of striking distance of the top seeds. Kalamazoo United (4-1) and Olivet (4-1) currently lead the way at 38.6, with Lansing Catholic (3-2) at 37.4 and Hillsdale (4-1) at 35.4.

Dowagiac resumes its traditional rivalry with Niles on Friday. South Haven hosts Hartford, Benton Harbor welcomes in Battle Creek Harper Creek, and Berrien Springs hosts Cassopolis.

Division 6

Coloma (4-1) is at Constantine (4-1) on Friday with a lot on the line. Not only can the Comets earn a share of the Southwestern Athletic Conference Lakeshore Division title with a victory, but they could also pass Constantine in the district seedings. The Comets currently sit third with a 33.6 average, with the

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Driving range: Notre Dame's Doerer gets kick out of golf

By CAROLINE PINEDA
Associated Press

SOUTH BEND — Jonathan Doerer pays careful attention to the nuances of his stance, swing path and ball contact – and not just in football.

The Notre Dame kicker also frequents the driving range, a habit that increased when he was home in North Carolina over the spring and summer. His father tagged along on his kicking and golf outings and saw plenty of both swings.

"He really approaches golf the same way," Brian Doerer said. "He'll try to hit the same shot, just one shot. He'll practice on hitting the pin at 90 yards, and practice just on that very methodically."

That mindful approach has been integral to Doerer's kicking success and helped vault him to an eye-catching season in 2019, quelling outside concerns about Doerer's ability to take over the starting spot following Justin Yoon's graduation. An increased focus on fundamentals translated to a 17-for-20 season, including a perfect game against Southern Cal with made field goals of 43, 45 and 52 yards that propelled the Fighting Irish to a 30-27 rivalry win.

Carlos Osorio / AP

Notre Dame place kicker Jonathan Doerer kicks during the first half of a game last season.

"Going into my junior year, I realized I had to make a lot of technical advancements in my game if I wanted to play at the level that I wanted to and needed to," Doerer said.

Throughout the season, Doerer sent videos of his kicks to his Charlotte-based kicking coach, Dan Orner, about three times a week.

"It wasn't him sending me a video and just saying, 'Hey, what do you think?'" Orner said. "He sent me videos and said: 'All right, this is what I'm thinking in this kick. Do you agree with this?' It was a complete maturity level versus just asking for advice."

In six years, Orner has watched the 6-foot-3 kicker grow from a sophomore at South Mecklenburg High School into a senior at Notre Dame. Doerer knows he has matured in that time, especially since inheriting the starting role after the 2018 season.

"I really started to just take everything a lot more seriously and understand what I needed to do," Doerer said.

He attributes some of his success to increased confidence and a change in mentality – a sentiment echoed by his kicking coach.

"It's just changing your mindset to be more process-oriented versus result-oriented," Orner said. "Even though you're going to kick 50 balls, you're going 1 for 1 on 50 balls throughout the entire workout."

Through four games this season, Doerer is 15 for 15 on extra points and 5 for 7 on field goals, with wide-left attempts of 38 yards against South Florida and 45 yards against Florida State.

Doerer said he doesn't dwell on the misses.

"The most important kick is the next kick," he said. "The most important play in football is the next play."

HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

By HP STAFF

CROSS COUNTRY

PRE-REGIONAL MEET AT DECATUR

Boys

Team scores – 1. Lawrence 31, 2. Cassopolis 37, 3. Eau Claire 75, 4. Marcellus 84. No team score: Grace Christian, Decatur.
Race winner – Isaiah Beiter (L) 17:34.6.
Eau Claire – 7. Edward Lopez 19:13.0, 9. Adam Blankenship 19:26.2, 25. Aidan Fisher 24:40.8, 26. Jose Martinez-Venegas 24:49.4, 28. Karl Overton 27:28.8.
Grace Christian – 5. Joel Chandler 18:53.2, 17. Isaac Reeve 21:44.1, 20. Ben Deroisers 22:36.0, 31. Ilijan Jarnjak 34:06.5.

Girls

Team scores – 1. Marcellus 25, 2. Lawrence 30. No team score – Eau Claire, Decatur.
Eau Claire – 1. Ericka Lopez 21:03.9.

VOLLEYBALL

ST. JOSEPH D. KAL. CENTRAL
25-15, 20-25, 22-25, 25-20, 15-7

St. Joseph — Laure Konopacki 5 kills, 3 assists, 1 ace, 11 digs; Kate Gersonde 4 assists, 3 aces, 16 digs; Emily Watson 2 kills, 27 assists, 2 aces, 6 digs; Bea Craig 4 kills, 2 assists, 2 aces, 4 digs; Kiki Sohn 5 kills, 1 assist, 5 aces, 8 digs; Courtney Koch 2 kills, 1 dig; Adriana Pierangeli 3 kills, 2 blocks; Karly Klaer 26 kills, 9 assists, 2 aces, 12 digs; Taylor Valdes 1 dig; Olivia Robinson 1 dig.

NEW BUFFALO D. COUNTRYSIDE
25-9, 25-14, 25-11

New Buffalo — Ava Mullen 12 aces, 11 kills; Kelsey Corkran 10 aces, 4 kills, 25 assists; Sophia DeOliveira 5 aces, 6 kills.
Records – New Buffalo 6-0 BCS White, 15-0.

BUCHANAN D. BERRIEN SPRINGS
25-17, 25-18, 25-23

Buchanan — Kylie Boller 6 kills, 3 blocks; Katie Schau 6 kills, 4 aces; Lauren Strefling 6 kills; Hailey Jonazke 11 digs; Josie West 3 aces; Claire Shelton 22 assists.

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN D. EAU CLAIRE
25-13, 25-19, 25-8

Eau Claire — Alisha Tokarz 3 digs; Ali Ferry 2 aces, 2 assists, 1 kill, 5 digs; Kayla Ferry 6 assists, 1 kill, 4 digs; Lizzy Little 3 aces, 1 assist, 2 kills, 4 digs; Julia Kurland 4 assists, 1 kill, 3 digs; Emilee Demski 1 assist, 12 kills, 1 dig, 4 blocks; Kriscia Whitfield 2 kills.

Tuesday's results

WATERVLIET D. LAWTON
25-17, 18-25, 25-16, 25-20

Watervliet — Grace Chisek 32 assist, 2 kills, 7 aces, 13 digs, 3 blocks; Samantha Dietz 21 kills, 8 aces, 19 digs, 1 block; Natalie Hart 6 kills, 13 digs; Addison Riley 7 kills; Jaylie Querfurth 2 aces, 12 digs; Abbigayle Roberts 3 kills; Yanna Winters 4 digs; Ellie Golden 4 aces, 5 digs; Myah Hobson 3 kills, 4 blocks.

U-M's Collins opens up about decision to opt out

By ORION SANG
Detroit Free Press (TNS)

If this was a normal year, Nico Collins would be in Ann Arbor, practicing with Michigan football.

But these are unprecedented times. And Collins, the Wolverines' former star receiver, is down in Pensacola, Florida, where he is training for the NFL combine after opting out of the college football season.

Collins made his first public comments on his situation during an appearance on "The Adam Schefter Podcast."

He called his choice to sign with agents and opt-out "a business decision" – one that he reached after sitting down with his family following the Big Ten's decision to postpone all fall sports in mid-August.

"Everything was going smooth, just how I planned, until this virus outbreak," Collins said. "The one thing that really impacted my decision was when we were supposed to play, our set date was Sept. 5 against Purdue, during that camp process, they canceled the season.

Michigan receiver Nico Collins catches a touchdown against Indiana defensive back Raheem Layne during the second half at Memorial Stadium, Nov. 23, 2019.

"That was heartbreaking for me because I wasn't sure when the next time (we would play). They were saying in the spring, Thanksgiving, there were too many unknown questions to be answering. Nobody really had an answer. I sat down with my family. I just made a business decision."

Collins, who is projected as a first-round draft pick by ESPN's Todd McShay, felt like he was in "no-man's land" when the Big Ten made the postponement. He described how he had marked Michigan's first game – against Purdue on Sept. 5 – on his calendar. It was supposed to be the start of his senior season. Then came the cancellation, and because there was no word on when the season would take place, Collins began to question his future within college football.

"Once they canceled that and said they weren't sure when the next time we would have a season, they were saying toward the spring, it was kinda like, that's training," Collins said. "That's the time where I get prepared for the draft around December, January, after the bowl game. They were trying to push toward the spring a little bit.

"I really just sat down with my family, I had a business decision. I really appreciate my family helping me out with that. That was one of the reasons. There were too many unknown questions to answer."

The decision was hard on Collins, who says it'll be "bittersweet" this Saturday to watch Michigan open its season at Minnesota. But, he says, he "had to do what was best for me and my family."

"Once I signed and got ready the combine, that's when (the Big Ten) came out with the statement to come back, they were going to have a season end of October, play Minnesota on the 24th," Collins explained. "It was kinda late. It was eight games. I just don't want to get injured (or have) something bad happen.

"It just didn't feel normal to me. It felt like everything was forced, almost, pressured. I just made the right decision. I want to be out there playing with my teammates and everything. But I just had to make the best decision that was right for me."

He briefly considered opting back into the season, but sat back down with his parents and chose not to.

"It was an option," Collins said. "I thought about it. Again, when I see guys opting back in, that's when I asked my parents. We had a talk. I just felt like getting my mind right and prepared for the combine was the right decision for me."

On Monday, Collins was officially removed from Michigan's roster, while coach Jim Harbaugh said he was not with the team.

FOOTBALL

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Falcons just ahead at 36.4.

Buchanan (5-0) looks likely to hold on to the top seed with a 51.6 average. The Bucks are at BCS Red rival Brandywine (3-2), currently ranked fourth at 31.8.

Watervliet (2-3) currently sits sixth with 20.2 points. The Panthers lost to rival Coloma 24-16 last week, and a first-round playoff rematch is a strong possibility. Watervliet closes the season at another potential district foe, Parchment (1-4), currently seeded seventh with a 15.4 average.

Also in the district are Comstock (2-3), currently fifth at 24.0, and Fennville (0-5), last with 7.4.

Division 7

Hartford (0-5) faces an uphill battle in the postseason.

The Indians, who are at South Haven on Friday, currently have a 5.55 point average, ranking seventh in the district.

They're likely to open the playoffs at either Schoolcraft (4-1), Lawton (4-1) or Homer (4-1).

Eight-man

Eight-man districts have not been determined, and not all teams will qualify for the playoffs. Eau Claire (1-4) is in Division 1, and Michigan Lutheran (1-4) is in Division 2.

Those teams could still play an additional regular-season game if they don't reach the postseason.

Bridgman (4-1) is currently too large for either division, but will be able to continue its season with games against other schools in the same situation.

BIG AL

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COLLEGE
Last week: 18-8, .692
Season: 87-34, .719
Tonight
App. State 38, Arkansas St. 30
Friday
Wisconsin 35, Illinois 17
FIU 34, Jacksonville St. 23
Tulsa 31, USF 23
UAB 24, Louisiana 21
Saturday
Michigan State 24, Rutgers 13
Michigan 27, Minnesota 24
Notre Dame 28, Pittsburgh 14
Iowa 31, Purdue 27
Northwestern 33, Maryland 22
Ohio State 52, Nebraska 17
Penn State 31, Indiana 27
Alabama 52, Tennessee 23
Air Force 28, San Jose St. 24
Army 42, Mercer 7
Auburn 27, Ole Miss 23
Boise State 42, Utah St. 24
Boston College 31, Geo. Tech 28
BYU 45, Texas St. 14
C. Carolina 27, Geo. Southern 24
Charlotte 38, UTEP 28
Clemson 63, Syracuse 14
Colorado St. 38, New Mexico 20
Houston 34, Navy 24
Kansas St, 35, Kansas 14
Kentucky 27, Missouri 21
Liberty 27, Southern Miss 21
Louisville 31, Fla. State 28
LSU 34, S. Carolina 28
Marshall 45, FAU 28
Memphis 28, Temple 13
Miami 31, Virginia 21
Middle Tenn. 24, Rice 21
N. Carolina 34, N.C. State 20
Oklahoma 44, TCU 34
Oklahoma St. 31, Iowa St. 28
S. Alabama 42, La. Monroe 31
San Diego St. 37, UNLV 26
SMU 24, Cincinnati 23
Texas 34. Baylor 24
Texas Tech 31, W. Virginia 28
UCF 42, Tulane 24
Va. Tech 35, Wake Forest 24
W. Kentucky 35, Chattanooga 24

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SCOREBOARD

MLB

WORLD SERIES
(Best-of-7)
Los Angeles Dodgers 1, Tampa Bay 0
At Arlington, Texas
(All Games on Fox)
Tuesday, Oct. 20: Los Angeles Dodgers 8, Tampa Bay 3
Wednesday, Oct. 21: Tampa Bay (Snell 4-2) vs. Los Angeles Dodgers (Gonsolin 2-2), 8:08 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 23: Los Angeles Dodgers (Buehler 1-0) vs. Tampa Bay (Morton 2-2), 8:08 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 24: Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Tampa Bay, 8:08 p.m.
x-Sunday, Oct. 25: Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Tampa Bay, 8:08 p.m.
x-Tuesday, Oct. 27: Tampa Bay vs. Los Angeles Dodgers, 8:08 p.m.
x-Wednesday, Oct. 28: Tampa Bay vs. Los Angeles Dodgers, 8:09 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Thursday, Oct. 22
SOUTH
Arkansas St. (3-2) at Appalachian St. (2-1), 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 23
SOUTH
Jacksonville St. (2-1) at FIU (0-2), 7 p.m.
Tulsa (1-1) at South Florida (1-4), 7:30 p.m.
Louisiana-Lafayette (3-1) at UAB (4-1), 8 p.m.
MIDWEST
SE Missouri at S. Illinois, Postponed
Illinois at Wisconsin, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 24
EAST
Mercer (0-1) at Army (5-1), Noon
FAU (1-0) at Marshall (4-0), 2:30 p.m.
Houston (1-1) at Navy (3-2), 3:30 p.m.
Notre Dame (4-0) at Pittsburgh (3-3), 3:30 p.m.
Georgia Tech (2-3) at Boston College (3-2), 4 p.m.
SOUTH
NC State (4-1) at North Carolina (3-1), Noon
Georgia Southern (3-1) at Coastal Carolina (4-0), Noon
Syracuse (1-4) at Clemson (5-0), Noon
Auburn (2-2) at Mississippi (1-3), Noon
Temple (1-1) at Memphis (2-1), Noon
Florida St. (2-3) at Louisville (1-4), Noon
UTEP (3-2) at Charlotte (1-2), Noon
Missouri (1-2) at Florida (2-1), Postponed
Georgia (3-1) at Kentucky (2-2), Postponed
Southern Miss. (1-3) at Liberty (5-0), 1 p.m.
Tulane (2-3) at UCF (2-2), 2 p.m.
Cent. Arkansas (3-3) at E. Kentucky (1-4), 3 p.m.
Virginia Tech (3-1) at Wake Forest (2-2), 3:30 p.m.
Alabama (4-0) at Tennessee (2-2), 3:30 p.m.
Georgia St. (1-2) at Troy (3-1), 4 p.m.
Chattanooga at W. Kentucky (1-4), 4 p.m.
Louisiana-Monroe (0-5) at South Alabama (2-2), 7 p.m.
South Carolina (2-2) at LSU (1-2), 7 p.m.
Virginia (1-3) at Miami (4-1), 8 p.m.
MIDWEST
Rutgers at Michigan St., Noon
Kansas (0-4) at Kansas St. (3-1), Noon
Nebraska at Ohio St., Noon
Iowa at Purdue, 3:30 p.m.
Penn St. at Indiana, 3:30 p.m.
Kentucky (2-2) at Missouri (1-2), 4 p.m.
Maryland at Northwestern, 7:30 p.m.
Michigan at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.
SOUTHWEST
Oklahoma (2-2) at TCU (1-2), Noon
Abilene Christian (0-2) vs. Stephen F. Austin (2-3) at Arlington, T.X., 1:30 p.m.
Iowa St. (3-1) at Oklahoma St. (3-0), 3:30 p.m.
Baylor (1-1) at Texas (2-2), 3:30 p.m.
Middle Tennessee (1-5) at Rice, 3:30 p.m.
West Virginia (3-1) at Texas Tech (1-3), 5:30 p.m.
Louisiana Tech (3-2) at UTSA (3-3), 8 p.m.
Cincinnati (3-0) at SMU (5-0), 9 p.m.
FAR WEST
Wyoming at Nevada, 7 p.m.
Utah St. at Boise St., 7 p.m.
Hawaii at Fresno St., 7:30 p.m.
Texas State (1-5) at BYU (5-0), 10:15 p.m.
Air Force (1-0) at San Jose St., 10:30 p.m.
UNLV at San Diego St., 10:30 p.m.

NFL

Thursday's Games
N.Y. Giants at Phila., 8:20 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Houston, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
San Francisco at New England, 4:25 p.m.
Jacksonville at L.A. Chargers, 4:25 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Las Vegas, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Baltimore, Indianapolis, Miami, Minnesota
Monday's Games
Chicago at L.A. Rams, 8:15 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 29
Atlanta at Carolina, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 1
Tennessee at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Miami, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Detroit, 1 p.m.
New England at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Las Vegas at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
New Orleans at Chicago, 4:25 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
Dallas at Phila., 8:20 p.m.
Open: Houston, Jacksonville, Arizona, Washington
Monday, Nov. 2
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Giants, 8:15 p.m.

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October 23, 2020

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Prior to submission for further funding from the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Community Planning and Development, Michigan is required to prepare a Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan (the Consolidated Plan). The Consolidated Plan proposes an action strategy by which those needs will be addressed through five program years. The annual action plans are funded by six formula programs covered in the Michigan Consolidated Plan (HOME, Community Development Block Grant, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDs, the Emergency Solutions Grant, Housing Trust Fund, and the CDBG Recovery Housing Program (RHP)). The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) is responsible for preparing the Michigan Consolidated Plan and soliciting comments from the public regarding the plan on an annual basis.

The comment period will commence October 23, 2020 through October 29, 2020 and will focus on the draft plan language. Copies of the Michigan Consolidated Plan may be downloaded free of charge from the MSHDA website at **www.michigan.gov/mshda.**

An on-line public meeting will be held

on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 between 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Individuals and organizations may submit written comments to Tonya Young, 735 East Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 30044, Lansing, MI 48909. Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on October 29, 2020. Comments can also be submitted to the MSHDA Consolidated Plan Coordinator via e-mail to hidmailbox@michigan.gov.

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THURSDAY EVENING OCT. 22

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Trump vs Biden: The Final Presidential		The Final Presidential Debate -- Your Voice Your Vote 2020: An ABC News Special (N)			
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother A houseguest is evicted. (N)		CBS News: The Second Presidential Debate Donald Trump and Joe Biden debate.			
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	CONNECT	Debate Preview	2020 Presidential Debate 2: NBC News Special (N) (L) CC			
FOX 17 222 28 32	NFL Pregame	NFL Football New York Giants at Philadelphia Eagles. (N) (L)					
PBS 34	Radar-Michigan	Frankie Drake Mysteries CC (DVS)		PBS NewsHour Debates 2020 Coverage of the presidential debate. (N) (L) CC			
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Supernatural (N) CC		The Outpost "A Life for a Life" (N) CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Dateline A mother's corpse is discovered.		To Be Announced			Law Order: CI
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Supernatural (N) CC		The Outpost "A Life for a Life" (N) CC		King of Queens	King of Queens
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland Georgie pursues trick riding.		Highway to Heaven CC		P. Allen Smith Gardens	
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish	WGN News: Second Presidential Debate (N) (L) CC			News at Nine
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "Bad Medicine" CC		The First 48 Murder in a motel parking lot.		:01 The First 48 "Killer Contact"	
AMC	Nightmare-Elm	★ Friday the 13th ('09, Horror) Jared Padalecki, Danielle Panabaker. CC				★★ House of Wax ('05) CC	
Animal	Catch	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
BET	Chroni	No Limit: Chronicles		No Limit: Chronicles		Alieu the Dreamer	
Big Ten	:00 Women's College Soccer			Women's College Soccer CC			
Bravo	Southern Charm	Southern Charm "Game Changer"		Southern Charm (N) CC		Southern Charm (N)	Watch What
Cartoon	Victor	Gumball	Gumball	Burgers	Burgers	American	American
Cinemax	Season-Witch	★★★ The Warriors ('79, Action) Michael Beck. CC			:35 ★★★ Jacob's Ladder ('90) Tim Robbins. CC		
CMT	Last Man	★★★ The Italian Job ('03) Mark Wahlberg. CC					Italian
CNBC	S. Smith	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	:00 Debate Night in America (N)			Second Presidential Debate (N)			Debate
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	:00 Gold Rush	Gold Rush "Fire and Ice" CC		Gold Rush: Claim Chronicles "Gambling Big" (N) CC			
Disney	Raven	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd
DIY	Holmes	Insane Pools		Insane Pools		Insane Pools	
E!	Kardas	The Kardashians		Bradshaw	Bradshaw	Bradshaw	Bradshaw
ESPN	College Football Arkansas State at Appalachian State. (N) (L)						SportCtr
ESPN2	:00 SportsCenter (N) CC			UFC Main Event		UFC 249: Ferguson	
ESPNC	Football	College Football				College Football	
Food	Beat Flay	Gingerbread		Gingerbread		Gingerbread	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Second Presidential Debate			TBA
Fox Sports	6:00 Tennis Classics (N)			Shogun Fights (N)		Shogun Fights (N)	
Freefrm	5:45 ★★ The Mummy Returns ('01) Brendan Fraser. CC			8:55 ★★ Hocus Pocus ('93) Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker. CC			
FX	xXx: Return	★★ Skyscraper ('18, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Neve Campbell, Chin Han. CC				★★ Skyscraper ('18) CC	
Golf	PGA Golf	Central	Central	PGA Golf			
Hallmark	Time to Dance	Sweet Autumn ('20, Romance) Nikki Deloach, Andrew Walker. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	Lovecraft Country	Lovecraft Country "Full Circle" CC		★★ Aquaman ('18, Action) Jason Momoa, Amber Heard, Willem Dafoe. CC			
History	Pickers	American Pickers		:02 American Pickers		:05 American Pickers	
HGTV	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	Dr. Pim	Dr. Pim	My Feet	Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pim	My Feet
Lifetime	Christmas	★★ The Holiday ('06) Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet. Two women from different countries swap homes at Christmas. CC					
MSNBC	ReidOut	Debate Pre-Show		Presidential Debate on MSNBC (N) CC			
MTV	Eclipse	7:50 The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1					Twilight
NBCSCH	Life-	Premier League Soccer Teams TBA.				World Poker Tour	
NFL	NFL Pregame		NFL Football New York Giants at Philadelphia Eagles.				
Nick	Un	SpongeBob Movie				Friends	Friends
NGEO	Life Be	Life Below Zero (N)		Life Below Zero		:13 Life Below Zero	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	Buried in the Backyard (N)		Injustice With Nancy Grace (N)		The Masked Murderer	
Parmt	:00 ★★★ Casino Royale ('06) Daniel Craig. CC					Man on Fire	
Showtime	Courage Under	Shameless "May I Trim Your Hedges?"		8:55 ★★★ Set It Off ('96, Action) Jada Pinkett, Queen Latifah. CC			
Starz	★ The Grudge	Seduced: Inside the NXIVM Cult CC		8:57 ★★ Spider-Man 3 ('07, Action) Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst. CC			
STZENC	:19 ★★★ Stan & Ollie ('18) Steve Coogan. CC			★★★ Silverado ('85, Western) Kevin Kline, Scott Glenn, Kevin Costner. CC			
SyFy	6:30 ★★★ Dawn of the Dead ('04) Sarah Polley. CC			★★★ Zombieland ('09, Comedy) Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg. CC			
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	MGM Parade	★★ The Killers ('64) Lee Marvin, Angie Dickinson.			:45 ★★ The Breaking Point ('50) John Garfield. CC		
TMC	Risky Business	★★★ Field of Dreams ('89) Kevin Costner, Amy Madigan. (P). CC				★★★ Lean on Pete ('17) CC	
TNT	:00 Bones	★★★ Captain America: Civil War ('16, Action) Chris Evans.					
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH1	Love	★★ Step Up ('06) Channing Tatum, Mario. CC					Movie
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation: Second Presidential Debate (N) (L) CC			NewsNation (N)

Changing a diaper causes family friction at baptism

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law "Brenda" often takes it upon herself to change a baby's diaper during social gatherings with family. She never bothers to ask the baby's parents if it's OK to do this, and they never solicit her help. For years, I found it a bit strange, but never said anything to Brenda or another family member.

Some time ago, my in-laws and immediate family were at my son's baptismal party. Several babies from my wife's side as well as my own were there. My wife's relatives aren't well-acquainted with mine. Before our wedding, neither of our families had ever met the other.

During the festivities, my wife's niece – who was still in diapers – appeared to have a full load in her back side. Her parents were in another room. Without informing them of the issue or asking permission, Brenda took it upon herself to change the diaper. The child's mother walked into the room and began to loudly scold Brenda for doing it without her consent. You could see the mother was upset and scared, since she did not know Brenda at all.

After the party ended, my family couldn't understand why the child's mother became so upset. They thought she was some kind of nut for reacting the way she did. I fully understand why the mother became upset. Given the fact that she doesn't know Brenda, and that one must clean the baby's private parts when changing a diaper, I don't understand why Brenda would take this upon herself. What's your opinion, Abby? – Strange In The East

DEAR STRANGE: What your sister-in-law did may have been fine with her own family, but for her to have changed the diaper of a child whose parents she didn't know well (and from whom she didn't have permission!) was inappropriate. I don't fault the mother for being upset. Rather than blame her for reacting the way she did, it's time someone explains boundaries to Miss Brenda.

DEAR ABBY: Being bored due to the quarantine, I signed up to Classmates.com to look for old friends. Moments later I received a response from a male classmate. We graduated the same year. I really don't remember him, although he said he remembered me. Anyway, we started texting and exchanging graduation pictures. He still lives in our hometown; I don't. We have started talking almost every day.

My problem is, we have so many things in common, from family to same make of car and insurance company, I have started getting a creepy feeling. It freaked me out to the point that I blocked him.

He was always respectful, but for us to have so much in common made my stomach lurch. Do you think this is possible? Or is there a chance he could be stalking me? – Freaked Out

DEAR FREAKED: It could be coincidental that you have so much in common, but I would never advise anyone who had a gut feeling that something wasn't right to ignore it. Listen to your intuition and you will never go wrong.

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Mom's plea for grandkids is likely to go unanswered

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: I have begun to get more questions about dating and settling down, because my parents are desperate for grandchildren.

I think it's magnified by some unresolved grief around my younger brother's death recently. I used to be able to brush it off with, "I can knock that out for you right now, I just need some drinking money," or, "I can barely take care of the dogs," but I think my parents see me approaching 30 and think of the opportunity lost with my brother.

I've outright said I don't want children and added a fun joke about global warming. My mother's response was, "Well, if you adopt, they're already here, so they're stuck when the Earth melts anyway."

How do I disengage and discourage this conversation? The constant questioning is making me feel guilty for not giving my parents something they expect from me, and that's tough because "Mom wanted grandkids" is not a reason to bring a child into the world. – Letting Mom Down Easy

DEAR LETTING MOM DOWN EASY: As wrenching as this will be, please talk to your mom without the jokes – good ones, by the way – and deflections.

There's a time for disengaging and discouraging, and in fact it'll be that time again as soon as you get the hard conversation out of the way. But for this one time, engage fully and unequivocally in the hard conversation.

Such as: "We're all hurting, Mom. It's awful. I can't make it better for us, though, by having a child. I can't and I won't, because I do not want to be a parent. And because our family's grief and my future are separate things. Please respect my decision, even if you don't like it or understand it, and stop asking me when I'll have kids."

If she pushes back, then you'll need to say it's not open to discussion or negotiation. Then kindly/calmly/firmly decline to discuss it again. Quip and repeat.

I'm sorry you have so much pain to navigate right now.

Regarding Grandkids: There are *lots* of kids out there who would really benefit from some grandparent-style love.

Volunteer at a school, church, homeless shelter, become a Big Brother, Big Sister, help out some overworked neighborhood parents. I know it isn't the same, but there are kids you don't have to be responsible for that you can spoil with love. They don't have to pop out of your kids. – Anonymous

DEAR ANONYMOUS: It's definitely not the same, but it's also better than badgering one's child to have children she doesn't want.

Plus, while in most cases the volunteer interaction will be limited to the short-term, there's always the possibility of a longer-term connection.

I'm concerned, though, about how to say this inoffensively to a grandchild-desperate person. Or am I linking this too closely in my mind to the radioactive "You can always adopt!"

Regarding Volunteering: Don't present it as if it's as good as grandkids, but something like, "You have so much to give, I have a friend who has really loved [tutoring, Big Brothers/ etc.]."

A lot of folks don't think they can volunteer at a school if they don't have kids there, for example. – Not *As* Radioactive

DEAR NOT AS RADIOACTIVE: Sounds fair, thanks.

Email Carolyn Hax at tellme@washpost.com, follow her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/carolyn.hax or chat with her online at noon each Friday at www.washingtonpost.com.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Facile
5 Pitches a tent
10 Kind of gallery
12 In great abundance
13 Naval force
14 Type of cracker
15 Least-varying tide
16 — kwon do
18 Needle hole
19 Pass across
23 Common abbr.
26 Emma in "The Avengers"
27 Dreaded word at the dentist's
30 Deli staple
32 Andrew's ex
34 Finish pie crust
35 Harangue
36 Shovel or rake
37 Codgers' queries
38 Missile wobble
39 Lull
42 Washboard —
45 Decrease gradually
46 "Lonely Boy" singer
50 Image receiver
53 Enormously
55 Stand for a hot plate
56 Internal organ
57 Toss here and there
58 Yield

DOWN
1 "Pretty Woman" lead
2 Dalai —
3 Not relevant
4 Sprout
5 Islet
6 Hirt and Pacino
7 Tiny particle
8 Zebras, to lions
9 Parched
10 Poor review
11 Japanese mat
12 Hits the road
17 RN's group
20 Wrinkle up
21 Be firm
22 Salty drop
23 PC button
24 Dainty pastry
25 Ad award
28 ER picture (hyph.)
29 Mock fanfare (hyph.)
31 Bing Crosby tune
33 Cut down
35 Chicken servings
37 Clean water org.
40 Bed support
41 Postal Service symbol
42 Techniques
43 Parks or Lahr
44 Follow the cookbook
47 Can't do without
48 MOMA artist
49 Novelist — Rand
51 — been had!
52 Recent
54 Merchandise ID

Answer to Previous Puzzle

Y	O	N	D	E	R		A	R	G	Y	L	E
E	R	O	I	C	A		S	E	R	I	A	L
A	D	V	E	R	B		P	I	A	N	O	S
			T	U	B		I	N	N			
C	U	E			I	N	C		D	R	U	G
A	N	N		O	T	I	S		M	E	N	U
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P	U	G	E	T		C	A	N		O	A	R
E	R	M	A		S	E	C	T		R	I	D
D	E	A	R		I	S	T		A	D	S	
			L	O	G		R	A	W			
M	A	L	I	G	N		E	R	A	S	E	R
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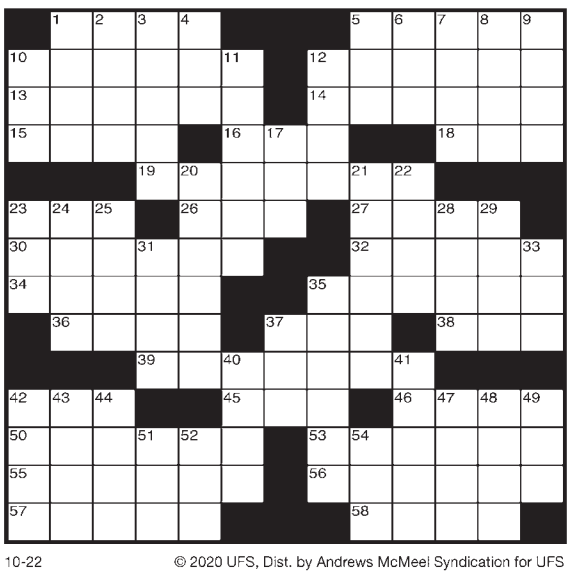

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JUMBLE

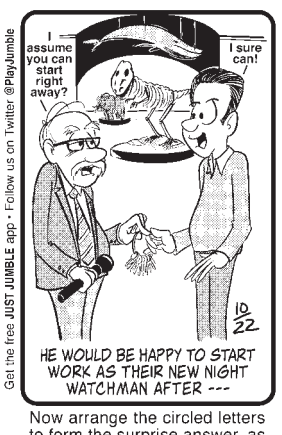
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NUPDO

GBSOU

NIRDAC

LENGUJ


I assume you can start right away?
I sure can!
HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO START WORK AS THEIR NEW NIGHT WATCHMAN AFTER ---
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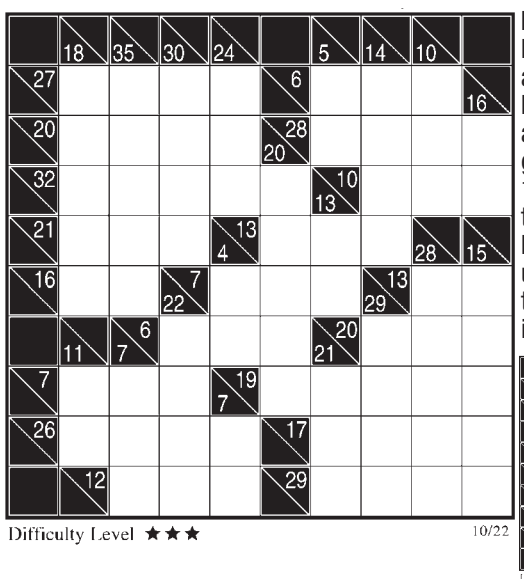
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

THE

(Answers tomorrow)

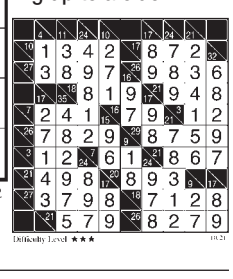
Yesterday's Jumbles: WITTY BOXER ENGINE SEASON
Answer: The price of the antique marble bookends was — SET IN STONE

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/22

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Chess players need not just to analyze the position as it stands at a given moment, but mentally see where the pieces will be several moves into the future.

Looking down a deal for a bridge player is easier because the number of cards steadily dwindles. In a chess game, there may be no captures for quite a while, so all of the pieces continue to clog up the board.

In today's deal, South is in four spades. What happens after West starts with three rounds of hearts?

South's one-spade advance shows 0-8 points. So, if the doubler has insufficient strength to anticipate game opposite 7 or 8 points, he must pass. A raise to two spades invites game if advancer (doubler's partner) has a maximum. North's actual jump raise invites game opposite 5 points or more. So, it was a slight overbid, but he liked his good controls (aces and kings) and the excellent five-card spade support. South's game raise was also a tad optimistic.

South seemed doomed to lose two hearts and two clubs (as the diamond queen was not singleton or doubleton). But he saw one chance. Declarer ruffed the third heart, drew trumps, played off dummy's diamonds, crossed to hand with a trump, ruffed the diamond jack on the board, cashed the club ace and played another club. When West won with his king, he had to return a heart, conceding a ruff-and-sluff.

Or, that is what declarer visualized. However, West saw the endplay coming. Under the club ace, he dropped his king! Then East got two club tricks to defeat the game.

North 10-22-20
♠ A K J 8 2
♥ 8 7 3
♦ A K
♣ A 9 8

West
♠ 9 5
♥ A K 9 5 4 2
♦ Q 6 2
♣ K 5

East
♠ 6
♥ J 10
♦ 10 9 7 5 4
♣ Q J 4 3 2

South
♠ Q 10 7 4 3
♥ Q 6
♦ J 8 3
♣ 10 7 6

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
	1♥	Dbl.	Pass
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

		5			8			
			1	9		6		4
1		3		6				
	8			7	3	1		
			9	2	4			
		2	5	8			4	
				3		7		2
9		6		5	2			
			8			9		

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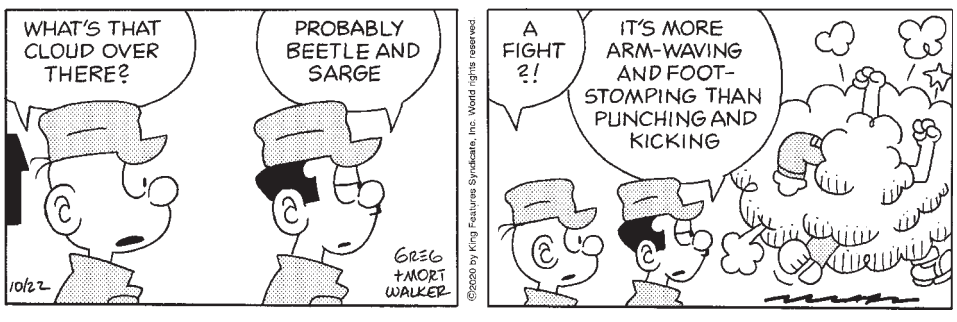
How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

4	5	3	1	7	9	2	6	8
2	7	9	4	8	6	1	5	3
8	6	1	3	2	5	9	7	4
1	9	8	5	6	3	4	2	7
6	4	5	2	1	7	8	3	9
3	2	7	9	4	8	5	1	6
9	3	6	8	5	1	7	4	2
7	1	4	6	9	2	3	8	5
5	8	2	7	3	4	6	9	1

BEETLE BAILEY


WHAT'S THAT CLOUD OVER THERE?
PROBABLY BEETLE AND SARGE
GREG + MORT WALKER
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A FIGHT ?!
IT'S MORE ARM-WAVING AND FOOT-STOMPING THAN PUNCHING AND KICKING
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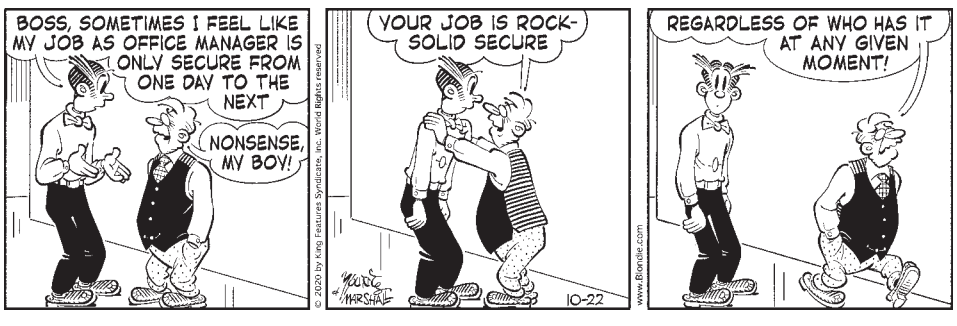
BLONDIE


BOSS, SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE MY JOB AS OFFICE MANAGER IS ONLY SECURE FROM ONE DAY TO THE NEXT
NONSENSE, MY BOY!
YOUR JOB IS ROCK-SOLID SECURE
REGARDLESS OF WHO HAS IT AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT!
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www.Blondie.com

HI & LOIS

I LOST A TOOTH.
LEAVE IT FOR THE TOOTH FAIRY.
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I'M TOO OLD FOR FAIRY TALES. JUST GIVE ME FIVE BUCKS.
Hilandlois.com
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WIZARD OF ID

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THINGS HAVE BECOME HARDER SINCE THEY BECAME OIL INDEPENDENT
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DILBERT

OUR SPACE DIVISION ASKED IF YOU WOULD ACCEPT THE HONOR OF BEING THEIR FIRST ASTRONAUT TO MARS.
I DIDN'T KNOW THEY HAD EVEN TESTED IT FOR SAFETY YET.
HE ASKED TOO MANY QUESTIONS.
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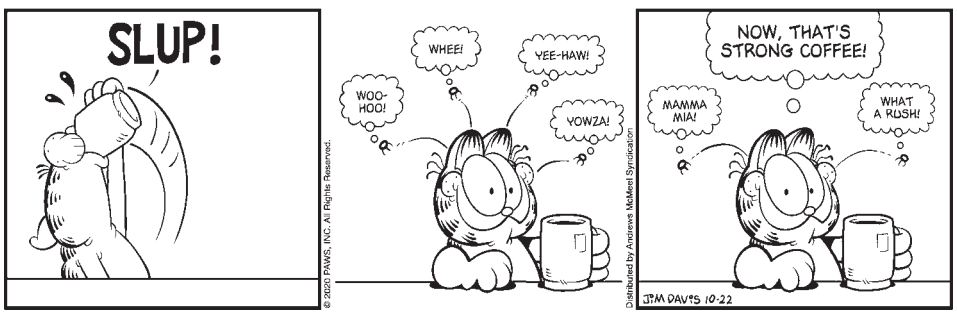
GARFIELD



FORT KNOX

JOEY, I'M HERE TO RID YOU OF YOUR GHOSTS.
ARE YOU A GHOSTBUSTER?
SLIME ME
NO, BUT I HAVE WHAT I NEED TO PUSH THEM OUT OF THIS HOUSE.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO USE?
DEAD END
A GHOST ARMY.
A GHOST ARMY OF WHAT??
TOMB STONED
MY DEAD BOYFRIENDS.
EX ARMY
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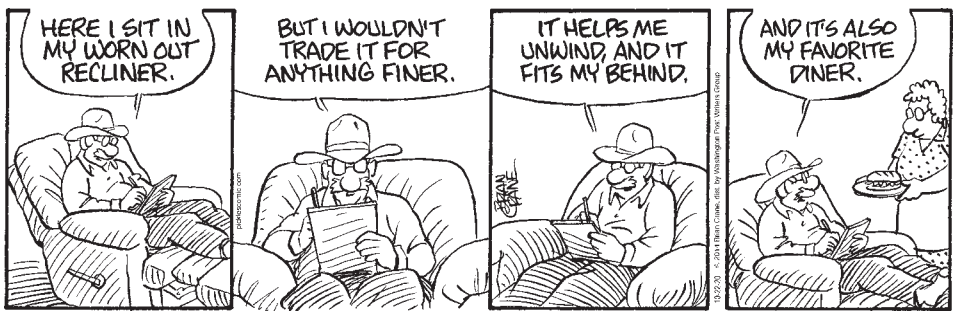
PICKLES


HERE I SIT IN MY WORN OUT RECLINER.
BUT I WOULDN'T TRADE IT FOR ANYTHING FINER.
IT HELPS ME UNWIND, AND IT FITS MY BEHIND.
AND IT'S ALSO MY FAVORITE DINER.
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FAMILY CIRCUS

DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES

ZOE WANTS TO HAVE A SLEEPOVER.
HOW MANY GIRLS?
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NOT SURE YET.
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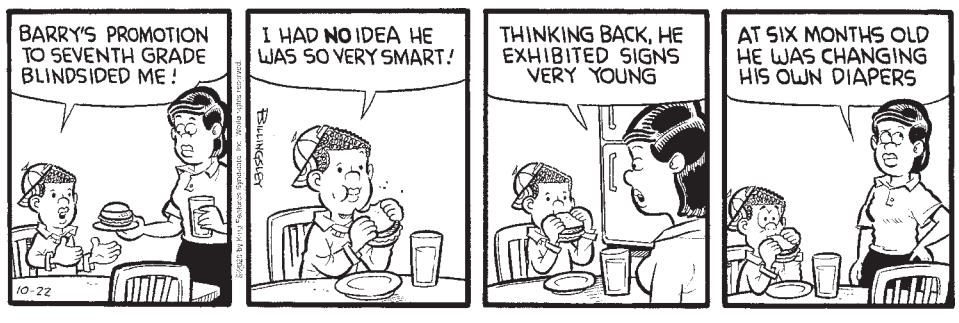
WE'RE WAITING FOR THE LAB RESULTS.

CURTIS


BARRY'S PROMOTION TO SEVENTH GRADE BLINDSIDED ME!
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I HAD NO IDEA HE WAS SO VERY SMART!
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THINKING BACK, HE EXHIBITED SIGNS VERY YOUNG
AT SIX MONTHS OLD HE WAS CHANGING HIS OWN DIAPERS

ZITS

SERIOUSLY, PIERCE, WHY ARE YOU DRESSING LIKE SOME COUNTRY CLUB GOLF PRO?
IT'S ALL FOR D'IJON.
10-22
SARAH ANA BERGMAN
zitscomics.com
I DON'T WANT HER PARENTS TO THINK I'M A TOTAL ANTI-SOCIAL NONCONFORMIST SPAZZBALL.
DUDE, GO WITH YOUR STRENGTHS.
I MISS MY SPAZZ-BALL!
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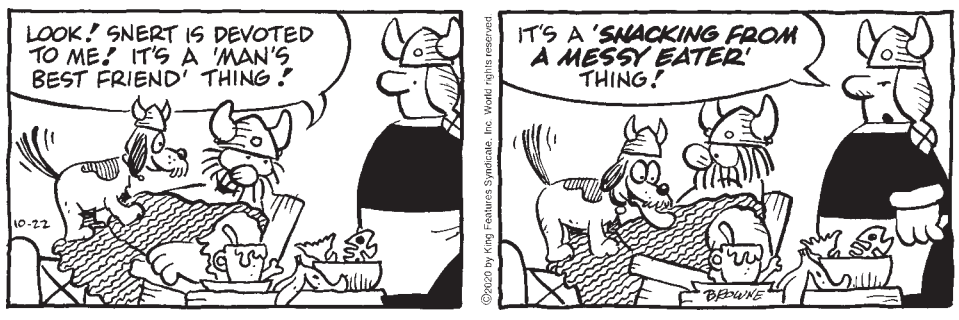
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


LOOK! SNERT IS DEVOTED TO ME! IT'S A 'MAN'S BEST FRIEND' THING!
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IT'S A 'SNACKING FROM A Mmessy EATER' THING!
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BROOME

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

WAIT A MINUTE. $29.99 A MONTH? I NEVER SUBSCRIBED TO AN ALL-SQUIRREL NETWORK.
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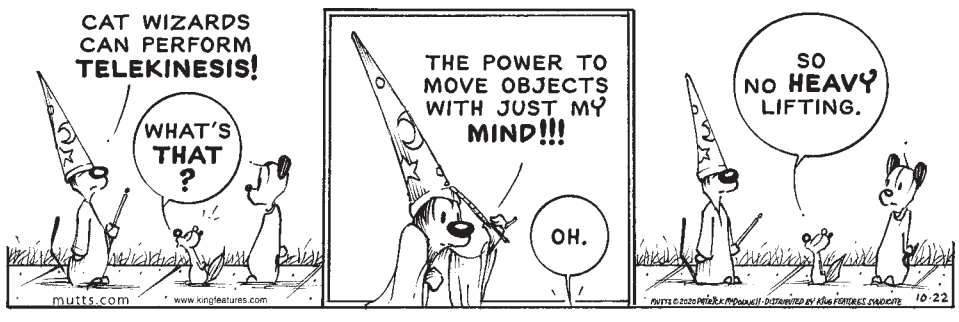
MIKE PEDERSEN

MUTTS



SALLY FORTH

HEY, JACKIE. I WAS JUST WONDERING...HAVE YOU GIVEN ANY THOUGHT ABOUT THE HOLIDAYS THIS YEAR?
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?
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I SPEND EVERY DAY JUST TRYING TO KEEP MY STORE AFLOAT AND YOU WANT TO KNOW IF I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT TURKEY AND TINSEL YET?
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WELL, WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY...
BY THE WAY, THAT HAUNTED DOLL HIL BOUGHT LAST YEAR IS SOMEHOW BACK ON MY SHELF. SO IF YOU WANT A REUNION AT A FAIR PRICE...
KEEFE

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DON'T MISS

THIS WEEKEND'S

ISSUE

Included in this Saturday's edition

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LEGALS

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FOUND

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1 brown female &
1 black/dark brown male - both friendly with people.
Must show proof of ownership
Text or leave msg. (269) 362-6001 or
Leave voicemail (269) 449-8328

EMPLOYMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE

The City of South Haven is seeking a full-time City Clerk to record City Council minutes and ordinances and execute all election operations in accordance with State Law and the City Charter. Ensures that all records of the City are updated and processed and are easily retrievable for the general public. Serves as the Administrative Assistant to the City Manager. Associates degree in business administration, accounting, public administration or related field and two years of related experience is required. Bachelor's degree with two years of related experience is preferred.
To view full job posting and apply, go to southhavenmi.gov/human_resources.
Deadline for application is Nov 13. EOE

EDUCATION/ TEACHING

School Guidance Counselor

River Valley School District
Employment info at: www.rivervalleyschools.org
Deadline: Until Filled

GENERAL HELP

Boys' JV Basketball Coach Special Education Teacher Assistant

River Valley School District
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Deadline: until filled

Boys' MS Basketball Coach Girls' MS Basketball Coach

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St Joseph, MI
Dave's Tree Service now hiring. Starting hourly rate, ranges $12-$18/hr depending on ability.
Tree trimmers needed. Must have valid drivers license.
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Stevensville, MI
Delivery Crew Assistant
$13-20 / hour
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Assist on Deliveries
Perform Cleanings
General Help
Sensationalhottubs@att.net

The Town of Trail Creek is seeking applications for a part time street employee. The candidate will work through out the week and some weekend hours, in addition to possibly being on call for a tree down or during the winter months. The candidate must have the following skills and knowledge to be eligible:
Perform routine general maintenance, operate and utilize all town equipment as directed by the street commissioner. Assist in leaf pickup , patching potholes, storm maintenance and other misc. jobs given by the street commissioner. Must have high diploma, valid drivers license and must be able to lift or carry 50lbs.
Please contact the street commissioner, Chris Ott to set up a time to get an application at 219-872-4780

Village Clerk – Village of Galien

Responsibilities include attending meetings, recording minutes, completing clerical duties, bookkeeping and payroll, tax filings, responding to resident's questions, recording and maintaining municipal documents.
Other duties include communicating and working with other departments and agencies, preparing grants, publishing ordinances and resolutions, and providing support to board of trustees.

Skills needed:
MS Office (Excel, Word, And Outlook), Quickbooks and general office experience.

Office Hours are Tues.: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and Wed.: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Additional hours will be required at times.

Please send your resume to:
Village Clerk
Village of Galien
PO Box 296
Galien, MI 49113,
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FINANCIAL

GARAGE /ESTATE SALES

GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

ESTATE SALE
in Stevensville!
Bedroom, living room & dining room furniture available, as well as housewares, televisions, television parts, tools, treadmill, lawn & garden tools, Gladiator storage systems...even a vintage pinball machine! Sale takes place Thursday (10/22), Friday (10/23) and Saturday (10/24) from 9am-5pm.
5667 E. Hiawatha Lane. Masks and social distancing required. Please bring your own movers/transport for larger items.

Galien, MI
Barn Sale Moving everything must go.
18627 Rickerman Rd, Galien Mi 49113
Fri Oct 23,
Sat Oct 24
Sun Oct 25 9a-5p
Items range from shop, specialty and antique tools, shop equipment and misc. furniture. First come first serve, no holds and cash only.

Michigan City, IN
Garage Sale
Many items, specialty tools, antiques, etc.
October 23, 24 & 25
8:00am - 3:00pm
638 Willard Ave.
Michigan City, IN

GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

La Porte, IN
Moving Sale
Everything Must Go!
Thursday 10/22, Friday 10/23 & Saturday 10/24
8:00am - 6:00pm
6082 W 450 N
La Porte, IN 46350
Furniture, kitchen items, decor, clothes, garden & yard tools, patio furniture, lamps, rugs & much more.

MERCHANDISE

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Email: mrpolyester1@comcast.net.

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Stevensville, MI
Kitten for Sale
Male - $5
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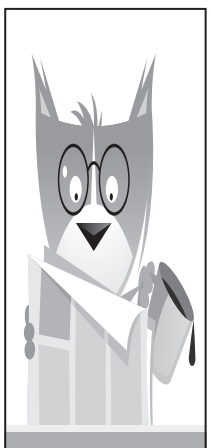
FARM

TRANSPORTATION



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When readers respond to your ad via e-mail, we will forward them to you immediately if you provide us with an e-mail address or we will print and handle them in the manner that you request.

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Now Hiring

Newspaper Inserter

The Herald-Palladium is looking to add to our current staff for our production/distribution department. The main function of the position is to work as part of a team while operating the equipment to insert advertisements into the newspapers produced at our print site. Must have attention to detail to ensure the products are inserted properly.

Job Type: Part-time

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The Herald-Palladium
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Concentrate on personal growth, dreams, goals and accomplishments, and avoid getting caught in other people's disputes. Walk away from chaos and uncertainty, and aim for stabilization and security as you move forward. Leave nothing to chance. Take care of your responsibilities to avoid disappointment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do your best to avoid conflict. You will be left in a vulnerable position if you are too kind or generous. Anger will be a waste of valuable time. Avoid disruptive people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Embrace the unexpected. Learn from every experience that comes your way. Be part of a movement you believe in, and share your thoughts and solutions. Romance is favored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Address issues that are holding you back. Confront someone who is meddling in your life. Persistence will get you where you want to go.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Say what's on your mind, and determine where you stand. An unexpected offer will need revisions before you can entertain the thought of participation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Slow down, verify information and set a course that will benefit you, not someone else. Finish what you start before you take on something new.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your involvement in a group effort or joint venture looks promising. A change you make will enhance a partnership that you depend on. Mixing business with pleasure will pay off. Romance is in the stars.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Keep busy, set goals and take care of business. Too much idle time will lead to trouble. Keep moving in a direction that offers more opportunities to advance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take advantage of whatever comes your way. Your ability to make a snap decision will help you profit. An opportunity or proposal you encounter will be a perfect way for you to use your skills and expertise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll be taken advantage of if you are too accommodating. Invest more time and money in yourself and your ideas. Put your health first, regardless of what your friends or associates do.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You'll gravitate toward unusual people, pastimes and places. Join forces with a like-minded person. Love and romance will enhance your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Refuse to let a last-minute change alarm you. Check out something that interests you, and you'll find a way to incorporate it into your daily routine. Aim for better health, physical fitness and personal growth.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You won't have to stand alone. The changes you make will draw interest and help you gain respect and support. Share your thoughts and plans with someone you love, and it will bring you closer together.

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Cass County Underground Railroad program recognized nationally

The National Park Service's National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom recently accepted the Underground Railroad Driving Tour of Cass County as one of more than 650 sites, programs and facilities within its network.

The 19-site self-guided tour produced by the Underground Railroad Society of Cass County joined 12 other new listings in the 40th round of Network to Freedom applications – representing sites and programs in eight states.

New listings were accepted in the final days of September, which marked International Underground Railroad Month in 11 states.

Twice annually, the Network to Freedom reviews and accepts applications from sites, facilities and programs with verified connections to the Underground Railroad, according to a news release.

Online

Read this story online at www.TheHP.com/features to download a copy of the Underground Railroad Driving Tour of Cass County map.

The Cass County tour, produced in 2011, highlights the role local African Americans, Quakers and other abolitionists played in the Underground Railroad.

One notable tour stop is the Stephen Bogue House and Marker.

The home marks where Hannah and Stephen Bogue worked together to hide freedom seekers.

In 1847, a group of slave catchers broke into several properties, including a cabin on the Bogue's farm, capturing freedom seekers to return them to their enslavers. The 1847 Kentucky Slave Raid ensued, during which abolitionists from the community, including Stephen Bogue, came together to free nine freedom seekers.

"I think people often don't realize how many Underground Railroad stories are in their backyards," National Program Manager Diane Miller said.

The tour stops aren't all owned by the Underground Railroad Society of Cass County, and not all of them are open to the public.

Visit www.urscc.org to properly plan a trip.

The National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom serves to honor, preserve and promote the history of resistance to enslavement through escape and flight. The network currently represents locations in 40 states, plus Washington, D.C. and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

IN BRIEF

Decatur library to temporarily close

DECATUR — Van Buren District Library's headquarters in Decatur is scheduled to temporarily close.

According to Webster Memorial Library Director Dan Hutchins, the Decatur location will be closed for about three weeks beginning Oct. 30.

"This renovation has been in the planning stages for a very long time," Hutchins said in a release. "After some unanticipated delays, it's finally happening. By early next year, our patrons will have a greatly improved Webster Memorial Library to be proud of."

In addition to funds from the library board and the Webster Memorial Trust, the project is being funded in part by a $45,000 grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

VBDL's other six locations will remain open and operate as usual during Webster Memorial's closure. The branch libraries are located in Bangor, Bloomingdale, Covert, Gobles, Lawrence and Mattawan.

For more information, call 423-4771 or email info@vbdl.org.

Program focuses on balloons, airships

NEW BUFFALO — The Friends of the New Buffalo Library will present a Zoom program, "Ballooning, Blimps and the Great Airships," at 7 p.m. Nov. 2.

From 18th century French balloonists to Civil War ballooning programs to exhibitions at state fairs and circuses to blimps of World Wars and massive dirigibles, this presentation will take a look at lighter-than-air aircraft and their role in history.

Presenters Al and David Eicher, specialists in lectures on Michigan history, have distilled years of research, a collection of more than 600 photos and hours of historic movie footage into this program.

Until New Buffalo Township Library reopens for regular meetings, the Friends will continue to offer its Community Forum lecture series online.

For log-in information, visit the events tab of the library's Facebook page or email new.buffalo.fol@gmail.com.

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

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South Haven Area Emergency Services Chief Brandon Hinz, at left, stands with 2020 SHAES Firefighter of the Year Ron Ridley. Also chosen by his peers for the honor in 2003, Capt. Ridley has accumulated more than 40 years of service. He started with the former Casco Township Fire Department in 1979. He was chief when the department became part of SHAES in 1995. He was promoted to captain in 2010.

Dr. Kasewurm's donates hundreds of face masks to Southwest Michigan schools

Dr. Kasewurm's Professional Hearing Services recently donated hundreds of communicator masks to local schools to help with communication between teachers and students.

Communicator masks have a clear panel over the mouth, and allow people to see visual clues from the mouth and facial expressions.

"We've always supported local schools, but the pandemic and wearing masks brought about a new way for us to help people," Dr. Gyl Kasewurm said in a news release.

Traditional masks prevent others from seeing facial expressions, emotions and visual cues.

In addition, masks decrease sound 12 to 16 decibels, according to the release, so even those with normal hearing can have a hard time hearing.

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Lakeshore Excellence Foundation Chairman J.C. Anderson, from left, Dr. Gyl Kasewurm and Lakeshore Public Schools Superintendent Phil Freeman hold some of the masks Dr. Kasewurm's Professional Hearing Services donated to the school district recently.

Among those receiving masks for teachers and/or students were St. Joseph Public Schools (400 masks), Lakeshore Public Schools (150), Watervliet Public Schools (160), Benton Harbor Area Schools (100), Michigan Lutheran High School (25) and St. Paul's Lutheran School in Stevensville (20).

Masks also were donated to individual teachers from other schools as they requested them directly.

"As a hearing loss individual, I know how important it is to be able to read faces when I am having a conversation with another," Elizabeth Schueneman, a St. Joseph young 5s teacher, said in the release. "So, the masks are going to be wonderful for our little learners who are still developing language."

To learn more about communicator masks, visit www.prohear.net.

Lakeshore grad's second book receives Gold Medal

St. Joseph native and Lakeshore High School graduate Kevin Kuhn's second book, "Ten Tales of a Dark Tomorrow," has won its third literary award, according to a news release.

The book was awarded a Gold Medal for Short Stories in the Foreword Indies Book of the Year Awards. The awards recognize the best books published in 2019 from small, independent and university presses, as well by self-published authors.

Nine finalists were chosen from hundreds of submissions. Those finalists' books were delivered to librarians and booksellers tasked with picking the Gold, Silver, Bronze and Honorable Mention winners.

Prior to winning the Foreword Indie Award, "Ten Tales of a Dark Tomorrow" was chosen as the Silver medal winner for Short Story/Novella in the Readers' Favorite International Book Awards, and was a finalist for Short Stories in the National Indie Excellence Awards.

The book is a multi-genre collection of stories written in the spirit of the original "The Twilight Zone" TV series, according to the release. It has elements of science fiction, horror and magical realism.

The 224-page book was published by Beaver's Pond Press in October 2019. It's available for purchase online through Amazon or by order at local bookstores.

Kuhn now resides in Eden Prairie, Minn., with his wife, Melinda, and their three children, Andrew, Allyson and Aidan.

His debut time travel novel, "Do You Realize?," also won multiple literary awards.

Kuhn is a member of the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America.

For a full list of this year's Foreword Indie Award winners, visit www.forewordreviews.com.

Niles teen named 2021 Michigan Miss U.S. Agriculture

Recent Niles High School graduate Aubrey Allen has been named 2021 Michigan Miss United States Agriculture.

Allen, 19, a student at Southwestern Michigan College, will compete in the national competition in June. She was previously crowned Miss Four Flags Area Apple Festival, and remains so since COVID-19 postponed this year's pageant.

Allen is pursuing an associate degree in agricultural business with a Michigan State University Institute of Agricultural Technology certificate in agricultural operations, according to an SMC news release. She plans to continue at MSU for her bachelor's degree in agricultural communications.

She is vice president of SMC's agriculture club, and works part-time at Tractor Supply Co.

She plans to show a draft horse at next year's county fair, and was going to compete in parliamentary procedure at the 93rd National FFA Convention and Expo next week in Indianapolis until it became a virtual event.

Photo provided

Aubrey Allen

"I will mainly be advocating for agriculture, going to business openings, touring farms, using social media and choosing platforms within the industry," Allen said in the release. "We have sponsors, like other pageants, and we have People's Choice as well," with dollar votes supporting scholarships.

Allen will create a resume with points she amasses advocating and volunteering. She accumulated more than 2,000 volunteer hours in high school – from managing the football team to FFA and pageantry. She belonged to the National Honor Society, served as secretary of the class advisory board and participated in her school's peer-to-peer program.

Though she didn't grow up on a farm, her middle school interest in animals led her to enroll in an agri-science class.

"I didn't know the ins and outs of being a veterinarian," she said. "I wouldn't be able to do surgery on animals or people. It makes me squeamish."

But Allen's freshman year in 2016 coincided with Niles rechartering its FFA chapter. Though she became increasingly involved in FFA, including parliamentary procedure, she still considered becoming an athletic trainer.

"I'm looking to be an animal sales representative," Allen said. "Going into agriculture as a job wasn't my first thought, but as my FFA advisers showed me different options, I realized how much I cared about the industry and how much I enjoy working in it. With a communications degree, you can do so many different things. I haven't decided, but after I get my bachelor's, I could go to law school at Michigan State and represent companies in lawsuits or mediate land deals."

Her interests include writing, baking and public speaking. She loves the beach, especially Warren Dunes State Park.